

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2015

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Fridly, Mr. Hoey(electronic means), Mr. Magnus, Mrs. May, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Winters and Atty. Szeto

Staff present: Tricia Diduch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Fridly, second by Mr. Winters, to waive the reading of the August 4, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. May, to approve the August 4, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Fridly would like to add a consensus for Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD) connection.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mrs. May. All Ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Travis Eldridge and Cori Delaven signed up for public comment in reference to two separate zoning issues that were up for approval. Both Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Delevan will speak when their zoning approval is being discussed during the Village Board meeting.

Mick Gronewold, Principal/Engineering Division Manager with Fehr Graham, spoke to the Village Board and gave a brief presentation about the WWTP options for sharing a plant with South Beloit. Mr. Gronewold answered questions that the Village Board had in reference to the WWTP and his proposal that was submitted to the Village.

MAYOR ADAMS

None.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve Ordinance 2015-25: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Approving a Special Use Permit for up to 40 Chickens in the R-2 Residential Two Family/ Condo/ Townhouse Zoning District for the Property Located at 58 W. Rockton Road, Goldie B. Floberg Center, Rockton, Illinois, second by Mrs. May. Ms. Diduch stated that this went to both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals in July and that the Planning Commission gave it a unanimous recommendation. The Zoning Board of Appeals initially tabled it because they had questions, but last week they gave it a 4-0 positive recommendation. Cori Delevan spoke for the Goldie B. Floberg Center. Ms. Delevan has a business partnership with Goldie B. Floberg and she explained the benefits of allowing the chickens to be raised on the property. Ms. Delevan stated that the eggs would be sold at market and would also be used with their cupcake business that the disabled children from the center are involved in. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve Ordinance 2015-26: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Approving a Variance from the Maximum Fence Height in the Front Yard Setback of 4 Feet to 6 Feet in the

R1 Residential Single Family Zoning District for the Property Located at 103 Old Meadow Lane, Rockton Illinois, second by Mr. Peterson. Mr. Eldridge stated that he had some pine trees die so he had to have them removed along his property line. Mr. Eldridge explained that there is an existing fence, but that he would like a variance granted for a 6 foot fence. Mayor Adams stated that the Village was looking to extend the bike path along the area he is putting his fence. Mr. Eldridge said that he would like to possibly extend the fence beyond the existing fence. Mr. Fridly said that in Ms. Diduch's notes it states that the new fence would go in the exact location of the current fence. Ms. Diduch stated that the variance is for the fence height and that the location could be determined later. Mr. Fridly stated that he will be contacting Kevin Bunge, the Village Engineer, and he asked Mr. Eldridge if Mr. Bunge could contact him about the location of the bike path. The motion was amended pending the Village Engineer's approval. Atty. Szeto advised that the variance can be approved and that it can be conditioned that the fence be located in agreement with the Village Engineer. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2015-116: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Authorizing the Design Review for Exterior Improvements and Façade Grant Approval for 122 W. Main Street, 3 Sheets Pub/ Mack's, Rockton, Illinois, second by Mr. Fridly. Mayor Adams stated that it was approved by the Planning Commission by a vote of 5 in favor and 2 absent with a façade grant reimbursement of \$15,000. Mr. Magnus advised the owners of 3 Sheets that after they replace the side door they are no longer grandfathered in the inward swinging door. Mr. Winters thought that the plans looked great, but he wanted to make sure with the rest of the Village Board that this is the look the Village is looking for. Ms. Diduch spoke in reference to the first three community input sessions and the feedback that she was getting was that there should be a theme or the lack of a theme as a theme. Ms. Diduch added that there are building styles from the 1840's to 1920's and that theme should be, if at all possible, the original building. Ms. Diduch added that there isn't a particular architectural style. Ms. Diduch added that if the original façade is taken off and they need to cover it back up again that it would come back to the Planning Commission and Village Board for approval. Mayor Adams questioned if this would also be approving the signage for the business and Ms. Diduch stated that it would be a separate permit for that. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve sending the Village Clerk to the MCI Institute (Year 2) October 11th -16th in Springfield, Illinois at a cost not to exceed \$1,500, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. HOEY

Motion by Mr. Hoey to approve the purchase requisition for the Visit Beloit membership at a cost of \$2,500, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Hoey to approve the purchase requisition for photography services provided by Brian Thomas in the amount of \$1,400 for downtown development/public relations photos, second by Mr. Winters. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Hoey to approve Ordinance 2015-28: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois, Proposing the Approval of a Business District Plan and Designation of a Business District and Fixing the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the Proposal to Approve a Business District Plan, Designate a Business District Area, and Impose Additional Retailer's Occupational Taxes, Service Occupational Taxes and Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Therein, second by Mrs. May. Mr. Fridly inquired if this was approving the business district in the plan or the time for the public hearing. Atty. Szeto stated that by approving this ordinance it allows the Village to move forward with the required statutory step. Atty. Szeto added that this would authorize setting the date and time for the public hearing. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDL Y

Mr. Fridly requested a consensus from the Village Board to pursue investigations with the Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD) to look at the sewer lines in order to get more detailed numbers as to the cost of RRWRD taking over. RRWRD stated that it would be around \$9.5 million for them to take over and

connect, but that they would have to look at the sewer lines to see how well the Village has maintained the lines and what they look like in order to give a better number for negotiations of the intergovernmental agreement. The Village Board discussed their options for a WWTP and the various costs for those options. Mr. Fridly stated that he would call RRWRD to see what they would do at their cost to come up with a hard number in writing so that the Village could make an educated decision on what direction they would like to go with the WWTP. The Village Board was okay with this.

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the Midwest Oktoberfest Event on Saturday, October 10th from noon until 6 pm, second by Mr. Hoey. The Village Board would like more information before they approve the details of the event. Mrs. May stated that they had already approved the date, but she will get in contact with Mr. Hansmeier about the details of the event so that the Village Board can approve it. No further action was taken.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve entering into an agreement with the Winnebago County Highway Department to have them do paint striping on Main Street and Union Street in the amount of \$3,706.15, second by Mr. Fridly. Mr. Magnus stated that it may not cost as much because they can't stripe some of the road due to construction. Mr. Winters questioned if they had time to complete the project because it sounded like they have to share equipment with the City of Rockford. Mr. Magnus didn't think it was going to be a problem. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve Ordinance 2015-27: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Amending Section 71.15 of the Municipal Code Regarding Permits for Oversized Motor Vehicles, second by Mr. Fridly. Mr. Magnus stated that this just brings the Village up to date with what Winnebago County has. Ms. Diduch said that the prices are the same and that the Village ordinance needed to match of be the same as Winnebago County. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. May, to pay bills in the amount of \$106,846.38. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mr. Winters, to adjourn at 8:15 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk