

**VILLAGE OF ROCKTON**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**August 21, 2018**

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

Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Magnus, Mrs. May, Mr. Winters and Atty. Aaron Szeto

Staff present: Dan Barber

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to waive the reading of the August 7, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to approve the August 7, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to add a consensus for an emergency truck repair for the Public Works Department under himself. Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian Capezio, owner of the Village Loft of Rockton, spoke to the Village Board in reference to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Jingle Bell Rockton event that is planned for November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Capezio stated that the businesses would like to expand this event and make it big so that everyone will get a return on their investment. Mr. Capezio provided an advertising assistance proposal to the Village Board for their review. Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Capezio and asked him to follow up with Mr. Peterson and Ms. Diduch.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

Mayor Adams reminded everyone that all of the meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

None.

**ZONING**

None.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS**

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2018-117: Side Letter of Agreement Between the Village of Rockton, Illinois and the Fraternal Order of Police, second by Mr. Peterson. Mr. Winters stated that this is due to the insurance switch that didn't cover braces for a police officer and this will cover the \$1,500 that he was shorted out of his policy. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**ADMINISTRATION – MRS. HONKAMP**

None.

**WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLIDY**

Motion by Mr. Fridly to ratify the consensus from the Village Board to approve the emergency 4" water valve replacement by Northern Illinois Service Company at Union & Grove Streets in the amount of \$9,805, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the purchase requisition for Accurate Business Controls, Inc. for a new folding machine for water bills in the amount of \$1,946, second by Mrs. May. Mr. Fridly stated that the folding machine is currently half price and will be paid for out of sewer funds and is in the budget. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Fridly requested a consensus from the Village Board to authorize truck repair (not to exceed \$4,800) on a dump truck that is in need of new fuel lines, king pins and brakes. Mr. Fridly stated that that vehicle is at Finley's now, but they need it repaired and back in service as soon as possible. The Village Board was okay with this.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON**

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500 for the 50 North organization, second by Mrs. May. Mr. Winters stated that he wanted to caution ourselves in the donations that come from the Village. Mr. Winters said that he feels that this donation is only targeting a select part of our population and that the Village needs to be careful that there aren't objections from the rest of the population in the community. Mr. Winters was also concerned that citizens may think that the Village is making donations to organizations or groups instead of taking care of the streets or other things in the Village. Mr. Peterson stated that the funds are not coming out of streets. Mayor Adams asked about the tens of thousands of dollars that the Village supports the youth programs with. Mr. Winters said that the funds that go to support the parks are for everyone. Mr. Fridly commented that he thought Mr. Winters was worrying about stuff and creating more issues. Mr. Winters stated that he spoke with Atty. Szeto and that donations should represent everybody in the community. Atty. Szeto advised that Mr. Winters had a conversation with him about donations in general and that municipalities should be mindful of their donations to not for profit organizations, but it is at the discretion of the Village Board to do this as long as there is a public purpose being supported by the funds. Mrs. May inquired if the Village should keep track of their donations by demographics and Atty. Szeto advised that there is no set rule, but the Village should be able to articulate if someone asks what the public purpose is. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

#### **BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY**

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the special events application for the Rockton Lion's Club "Last Roar Car & Bike Show" on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 am - 5 pm in Settlers Park with the contingency that both the fire chief and police chief sign off on the application with whatever amendments need to be made, second by Mr. Peterson. Mr. Winters inquired why there is a rush to approve the application and Mrs. May stated that they would like to start marketing for the event. Mr. Fridly stated that if the Village Board decides to approve this tonight, that the Village doesn't make a habit of doing this. Mr. Fridly added that the application should be reviewed to make sure it's filled out correctly and signed off before it comes to the Village Board. Mrs. May advised that Chief Dickson is out of town and that was why it wasn't signed off beforehand. Voice vote. Ayes: Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Fridly, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. May and Mr. Magnus. Nays: Mr. Winters. Motion approved 5-1.

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the special events application for the Hughes Wedding on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 8 pm in Settlers Park, second by Mr. Winters. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

#### **STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS**

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve Ordinance 2018-22: An Ordinance Amending Section 95.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Regulating the Placement of Objects and the Like on the Village Rights-of-Way and the Like, second by Mr. Fridly. Mr. Barber stated that the ordinance currently reads that the markers would have to be paid for by the Village and that he and Atty. Szeto cleaned up the ordinance to state that the homeowner would have to pay for them after they get Village approval for the markers. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Magnus discussed the letter sent from Gino Galluzzo (attorney for Holden Rockton Road, LLC) and what they were requesting. Mayor Adams stated that he received information that they would like the Village to pay for one full access along with a 50/50 sales tax rebate for 10 years. Mr. Fridly said that when Atty. Galluzzo sent this letter to the Village that he felt that the 2015 verbal agreement was null and void. Mr. Fridly stated that if the Village puts the path on our right of way that it should be covered by an 80/20 split and

that paperwork would need to be resent to IDOT. Mr. Winters said that the Village is going to end up spending more money because one of the partners in Holden Rockton Road, LLC is trying to take advantage of whatever he can. Mr. Peterson stated that at the end of the day we want to welcome businesses into the Village. The Village Board discussed possible access points on Rockton Road and where they need to be so there isn't a traffic issue. This will be discussed further in the Administration and Public Works Committees and voted on September 4, 2018 at the Village Board meeting. Mrs. May added that both committees need to be on the same page when the Village approves the proposal for Holden Rockton Road, LLC.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$925,320.23. Mr. Fridly stated that approximately \$180,000 was for normal operation bills and the remainder is for the water projects. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

#### **ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to adjourn at 7:35 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk