

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 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: Matt Hollinger and Gordy Nygren

Mayor Adams stated that there was a quorum present so this allows Mr. Hoey to participate in the meeting by electronic means.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Fridly, second by Mr. Peterson, to waive the reading of the July 21, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mrs. May, to approve the July 21, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Fridly would like to remove Item #3 under himself. Mr. Magnus would like to remove Item #2 under himself. Motion by Mrs. May to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mr. Peterson. All Ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR ADAMS

Mayor Adams would like to remind everyone about supporting the Rockton Rush football games at the athletic fields along with it being published in the Rockton Herald. Mayor Adams stated that there were several hundred people at the last game.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the special meeting for September 15, 2015 at 6 pm for a public hearing, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. HOEY

None.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDL Y

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the revised ROW permit application, second by Mr. Winters. Mr. Fridly stated that the applicant can pay cash now for the permit. They will also be able to use a credit/debit card. Mr. Fridly added that all of the deposits will be going into a noninterest bearing account and that the Public Works Director can waive the fees for something simple like a mailbox. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the Holden 10 commercial access, second by Mr. Winters. Mr. Fridly stated that he spoke with Craig Erdmier and the Village is offering a full access across from the western access of Swedish American, allowing an ability to have a right in/right out access further east on his property, and a full access on Glengary. The Village would build his full access onto Rockton Road when the bike path is built and Mr. Erdmier will give the Village the land to build the bike path on the south side of the telephone poles. If the Village does not agree to do this, the bike path will be built on the north side of the telephone poles and the bike path would cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 more because a storm sewer would have to be built since it would encroach on the ditch. The cost to build Mr. Erdmier's access is about \$25,000 so this would be a wash. Mr. Magnus stated the ability to have a right in/right out access is going to cause more issues. Mr. Magnus said that people using the Farm & Fleet and Taco Bell right in/right out are using it wrong because there is no median on Rockton Road and vehicles are doing u-turns. Mr. Magnus said it's not the Village's job to figure out what businesses are going in on the parcel in question and it's the Village's responsibility to make sure the streets and accesses are safe. Mr. Fridly questioned if the bike path or the right in/right out is the greater safety issue. Mayor Adams stated that there is a lot more traffic out on Rockton Road. Mr. Fridly commented that he would like to get the bike path further away from Rockton Road. Mr. Winters said that the Village can lower the speed limit if they feel it's necessary. Mrs. May stated that IDOT says a right in/right out can be approved every 1/8 of a mile. Mayor Adams spoke with Deputy Chief Hollinger and there hasn't been any accidents in that area. Mayor Adams added that it would be safer to have the bike path further away from traffic, that having the option of a right in/right out would increase the sale of the parcel, that it would cost the Village if we didn't put the bike path further to the south, and the engineers from the Village, Winnebago County, and IDOT have said that the right in/right out is warranted. Mr. Peterson verified that this is the parcel west of the Autozone. Roll call. Ayes: Mr. Winters, Mr. Hoey, Mr. Fridly, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. May. Nays: Mr. Magnus. Motion approved 5-1.

Mr. Fridly would like a consensus from the Village Board to remove the recycling dumpster permanently on Hawick Street due to abuse. Mr. Fridly stated that the dumpster was full and there was a bunch of trash and recyclables on top which littered the street when it was emptied. Rock River Disposal advised that 50% of the dumpster was trash and not recyclables and that the Village can be billed for this which is not part of the budget. Mr. Fridly added that items found in the roadway had addresses from outside the Village limits. Mr. Fridly said that the dumpster should be removed and a sign should be placed there stating that the dumpster has been removed due to abuse. Mr. Peterson questioned if it was so full because it had been removed for a month while the Village was changing garbage contractors. Mr. Magnus stated that people are placing propane tanks in the dumpster. Mr. Peterson added that Village of Rockton residents are provided with 65 gallon recycle totes so it's not the residents that are using the dumpster. Mayor Adams stated that it was originally placed there because it was the environmentally friendly thing to do and if it's used properly it's valuable. Mr. Peterson added that eventually that dumpster will be removed once the property is developed where Sonoco was. Mrs. May suggested that the Village add a sign of places where people can go because it would save on phone calls or people coming into Village Hall. Mayor Adams stated that all the years with Waste Management there was never an issue and now there is an issue. Mr. Magnus stated that there has always been issues of littering with the dumpster. Mr. Peterson questioned if the apartment buildings in Rockton have recycling. Mr. Fridly stated that the landlord hires their own garbage company so it's up to the landlord to provide recycling. Mr. Fridly stated that he is not opposed to waiting 2 more weeks and readdress it again at the next Village Board meeting. Mayor Adams stated that there should be notification to the public and Mr. Winters stated that it can be put on the website and a sign placed where the dumpster is at. Mr. Hoey asked what the charge would be if the Village was charged and Mayor Adams stated that it is billed by the ton. Mr. Winters stated that if the Village is billed it would come out of the Public Works budget and Mr. Nygren stated that this was not budgeted for. The Village Board agreed to remove the dumpster permanently. Mr. Magnus added that Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB) does recycling in Roscoe from 9 am until noon on Saturdays.

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the purchase of a 2009 Toro MDE cart (demo model) in the amount of \$5,900, second by Mr. Fridly. Mrs. May stated that Mr. Self came to the Public Works Committee and explained why he needed the cart and they were satisfied with his answers. Mr. Peterson asked why the cart was needed. Mrs. May explained that many times the cart is needed at two different places at the same time. Mrs. May stated that the cart is used at the parks and the athletic fields. Mr. Fridly added that the cart has been budgeted for and Mr. Self would keep the new cart at Barkwood Dog Park. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve the date as December 5th for the Christmas Walk for the Chamber, second by Mrs. May. Mr. Magnus stated that this was discussed in Public Works and he will come back later with more information regarding the Christmas lights and monetary donation. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve the engineer to go out for bid for the MFT Street projects in their estimated amount of \$140,466, second by Mr. Fridly. 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 \$150,091.43. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. May, to adjourn at 7:32 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk