

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

**September 17, 2019**

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

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

Also present: Dan Barber, Chief Dickson & Tricia Diduch

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Fridly, second by Mr. Winters, to waive the reading of the September 17, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to approve the September 17, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mrs. May stated that she would like to add a discussion about social media. Mr. Magnus said that he would like to add a consensus for William Charles for Franklin Street in the amount of \$14,000. Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the Hononegah Kids Club Wrestling Can Day to be held on Saturday, October 26th from 8 am until 2 pm at Main St. & Blackhawk Boulevard, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the Rockton Lion's Club Candy Day to be held on Friday, October 11th from 7 am until 6 pm at Main Street & Blackhawk Boulevard, second by Mr. Fridly. Ayes: Mr. Winters, Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. May and Mr. Magnus. Nays: None. Abstentions: Mr. Peterson. Motion approved 5-0-1.

Motion by Mr. Winters to appoint Leanne Wright to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 3 year term, second by Mrs. May. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

None.

**ZONING**

None.

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

None.

**ADMINISTRATION – MRS. HONKAMP**

None.

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

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the change order for the Prairie Street water tower project in the amount of \$44,420 to be completed by Jetco Ltd., second by Mrs. May. Mr. Fridly stated that the items in need of repair weren't visible during the initial inspection of the water tower until the water tower was drained. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

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

None.

## **BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY**

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the special events application for Hanz Brew Fest to be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6 pm in Settlers Park, second by Mr. Winters. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the purchase of LED lights for the downtown buildings for the Christmas Walk at a cost not to exceed \$6,500, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. Ayes: Mr. Winters, Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Fridly, Mr. Peterson and Mrs. May. Nays: Mr. Magnus. Motion approved 5-1.

Mrs. May discussed social media and the Village being transparent with the Village Board. Mrs. May stated that she and Mr. Magnus have posted videos/information on Facebook regarding projects that are being completed within the Village and that information was shared on the Village website. Mrs. May advised that she spoke with Mayor Adams about this and that he suggested that this is something that the Village Board should do as a whole and not specific to certain committees. Mrs. May wanted to know what everyone's thoughts were and wanted the advice of Atty. Szeto on this topic. Atty. Szeto and the Village Board discussed posts on the Village Facebook page versus someone's personal page (factual matter versus personal thoughts/opinions). The Village Board also discussed reading minutes on the Village website. Mrs. May commented that no one reads the minutes that are posted on the website and that 75% of people get their information from Facebook posts and live videos. Mrs. May stated that this would be more like the minutes from meetings, but in video form. Ms. Diduch expressed her concerns about Facebook and posting live videos. Ms. Diduch suggested that if a department head or staff is getting a lot of questions regarding a specific matter, that she could collect the proper information and post something on the Village Facebook page. Ms. Diduch added that she has attended many seminars regarding social media and that she feels that this could be a dangerous path to go down as far as live videos. Atty. Szeto suggested that posting things that are happening or items that have been approved at a Village Board level would be okay since many people don't attend the open meetings. Atty. Szeto added that all of this information would need to be archived and that it's also subject to FOIA. Ms. Diduch suggested that the Village Board take a look at the City of Rockford's Facebook page to get an idea of how their Facebook page is maintained. Ms. Diduch stated that they do a very nice job on keeping their residents informed and there are no live videos. Mayor Adams agreed that this was a good discussion to have and that the Village needs to get the bugs worked out before we move forward, but that this could definitely evolve into something more.

## **STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS**

Motion by Mr. Magnus to ratify the consensus for additional patchwork to be completed by Porter Brothers for the 2019 Street Patching Project in the amount of \$10,500, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Magnus requested a consensus from the Village Board for William Charles to repair Franklin Street in the amount of \$14,000. The Village Board was okay with this.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Winters to adjourn from regular session and go into executive session at 7:23 pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mayor Adams called the Village Board meeting back into regular session at 7:30 pm. Roll Call. All Village Board members were present.

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

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2019-114: Approving a Waiver and Release Agreement, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$115,095.71. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to adjourn at 7:31 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk