

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2011

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Brown, Mr. Winters, Mr. Magnus, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Peterson. Also present: Atty. Galluzzo. Mrs. Nelson was absent.

Motion by Winters second by Peterson to waive the reading of the September 20, 2011 Village Board Meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion by Winters second by Baker to approve the September 20, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Peterson - Removed Sunrise Drainage Issues from the agenda and added a Consensus to Approve a Variance Request for Sewer Water Hookup for 11577 Old River Road.

Motion by Winters, second by Baker to approve the amended agenda. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Beach - 713 East Center Street - shared with the board the fact that she felt if the board was going to have rules for public comments that they should be fair for everyone, not just for members of the public that they side with or that they like.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. County Re-Districting- Jim Webster

County Board Representative Jim Webster shared with the board and the audience about the upcoming changes to the Winnebago County Board. He shared that the County Board would be changing from a 14 member district with two representatives each to 20 single member districts. This change will go into effect at the next election and is a result of the 2010 census. Mayor Adams shared that he was glad Mr. Webster was representing the Rockton area and trying to help send some county revenue our way.

2. Zoning Board Appointment

Motion by Peterson, second by Winters to appoint Betty Griffin to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the absence left by Mark Paine's resignation. Mr. Peterson gave a recommendation for Ms. Griffin as someone who cares about the village. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0

3. Trick or Treating Date and Hours

Motion by Winters second by Peterson to set the Village's Trick or Treating Hours as 5 to 8pm on Monday, October 31, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEES

Community Development, Mr. Baker

1. Carriage Rides

Motion by Baker, second by Peterson, to waive the rules of Ordinance Chapter 115 - Horse Drawn Carriages. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baker, second by Magnus, to adopt an Ordinance to suspend Chapter 115 - Horse Drawn Carriages, to allow Rex Marshall of Stepping Out Carriage the ability to utilize horse drawn carriages for hire on Saturday evenings in downtown Rockton from 4-6pm through the end of the calendar year. The following stipulations will also apply: Mr. Marshall needs to provide proof of liability insurance to the Village; he will use the South-West corner of Main Street for pick up and drop off, being careful not to violate any ADA regulations; and he will be required to clean up after his horses. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Planning for 2012 Festivals

Mr. Baker shared with the board his ideas regarding festivals in Rockton for 2012. The Lions Club will be holding Old Settlers Days in early June next year. Mr. Baker would like to see Rockin 4 Rockton held again next year right before the kids go back to school in August. He would like to add a downtown festival in the middle of the summer that would be a "Taste of Rockton" type event. He would like to see taste tents on Main Street with people still being able to use the sidewalks to get to downtown businesses. He would like to see participating businesses cover the cost of the tents and tables and chairs, and he would like the village cover the cost of security, garbage removal, a stage, and any entertainment. He has several local musical acts that have said they would perform for a discounted rate. He would also like to not have an admission charge for this event.

3. Christmas Lights

Motion by Baker, second by Peterson, to approve the payment of up to \$3,000 to repair the downtown Christmas lights. Roll call. Motion approved 5-0.

Sewer, Water & Garbage – Mr. Peterson

1. Sludge Pump Repair

Motion by Peterson, second by Magnus to approve the payment of \$4,590.93 to repair the sludge pump at the Sanitary Plant. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Variance Request- Sewer Hook Up - 11577 Old River Road

Mr. Peterson obtained a consensus to approve a request by Troy and Heather Specht to be allowed to replace or repair their existing septic system at 11577 Old River Road.

Mr. Peterson also commented that they had found a solution for replacing the tree on the North-West corner of Main Street and Blackhawk which would only cost \$200. He also thanked the Public Works employees for taking care of removing a trailer and some concrete from Mr. Sand's property in a timely manner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Baker addressed an issue that was brought up at the last meeting regarding comments that were made to a business owner. Mr. Baker and Mr. Brown exchanged words.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Winters, second by Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$311,767.13.
Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Hearing no further business, motion by Winters, second by Baker to adjourn at 7:36pm.
All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Warren
Village Clerk