

October 10th, 2017

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:00p.m.
All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Clark, Fowler, Fiems, Mire, Rankin, Robertson, Schneider
Absent:

Also Present: Missy Housenga-Clerk, Ben Barber-Treasurer, Ryan Bump,
Graham Lee, Officer McNeil-HPD, Officer Frost - HPD, Sarah Ford, Chris
Cooper – MSA, and Colin Batey

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve 09/12/2017 Committee of the Whole minutes, 09/12/2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes, 09/19/17 Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes, 09/2017 Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber, 10/2017 Monthly bills, Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT-Mire: MidAmerican Energy has Grant funding available for the Village in the amount of \$500.00. Rankin suggested the funds be used for Community Center upgrades, blinds and microwaves. Clark expressed the moneys could be used toward finishing the Highway 84 flag project. Mire noted a very gracious donation was made by William and Elizabeth Werner of \$550.00, therefore most of that project has been paid for. Rankin motioned to purchase shades and microwaves for the Community Center using the MidAmerican Energy Grant. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire presented a proposed reallocation worksheet for the Street and Cemetery funds. Line items in the Budget needing to be reallocated within the same funds, requiring a vote from the Board; Street fund needing the reallocation to pay for the engineering on the 17th Street Erosion Project and the work to be done on 15th Street Court, Cemetery fund line items needing to be changed to accommodate salaries. Neither fund is changing in the amount budgeted. Mire stated for future budgeting and accounting purposes we need to pay for the charges with the proper line items. Robertson motioned to approve the presented reallocation worksheet figures. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire would like to have the Trustees be prepared at the November meeting to discuss additional Committee of the Whole Meetings in 2018 for Budget planning for next fiscal year.

Mire asked the board to approve the updated Hampton Police Protection Contract. The revised version included verbiage that the Village must give a 60 day notice if a discontinuance of service is required. Fiems motioned to accept the revised Police Protection contract. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Engle: Report as presented. Officer McNeil attended the meeting in place of Chief Engle. Officer McNeil introduced newly appointed Officer Frost was introduced to the board.

ATTORNEY- G. Lee: Attorney Nick Mason attended tonight’s meeting for Attorney Lee with nothing to report.

FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey: Report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented.

BUILDING, ZONING & Planning – Fiems: Fiems reported residents purchased permits for projects totaling \$41,000.00 in September.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE - Clark: Donations were requested by Ann’s Helping Hands Thanksgiving food baskets and Rapids City Fire Protection District for Halloween celebration. Clark approved donations to Ann’s Helping Hands of \$100.00 and \$25.00 to Rapids City Fire Protection District. At the September 12th 2017 Regular Board Meeting

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Schneider motioned to approve last year's donation to the Hampton Police Department for Halloween candy, no donation was given last year. Schneider approved a \$100.00 donation for Halloween candy paid to Hampton Police Department.

Treasurer Barber reviewed the end of year audit report with the board, the report was provided by the Village Auditor Kent Klaurer. Barber stated the report was positive and no concerns were found.

INFRASTRUCTURE - Rankin: Rankin provided an update on the Water VFD Project stating due to EPA permitting the repairs are projected to start mid November. Chris Cooper with MSA presented the 17th Street Erosion and Bank Stabilization project findings. Cooper presented four different proposed solutions to resolve the issues along the east side of 17th Street hill. All proposals were designed to conform in accordance to IDOT Funding Programs. Cooper noted no IDOT funding was available for this project at this time. First remedy proposed was a Gabion Wall, cost \$373,100.00. Second proposal presented was for a Stone Strong Wall, cost \$446,400.00. A Kastle Wall was the third possible solution presented at a cost of \$455,800.00. The final estimated proposal was to install Storm Sewer along 17th Street hill incorporating curb and gutter system to aide with drainage. The cost for the Storm Sewer option is estimated as no surveying done; this was a request in the original scope of the planning project to keep costs low. Through discussion Cooper explained pros to each application, also stating if maintained properly he could reasonably project each proposals lifetime being fifty to one hundred years. Members of the Board also discussed project concerns and possible impact on the residents below the hill once water is redirected. Bump stated he likes the Gabion Wall option best as this will let the water flow naturally. Mire addressed the issue of water flow stating if residents would clean out the creek beds on their property flooding could be prevented. Mire thanked Cooper for the work done thus far but stated this project will require a comprehensive plan to complete. No action was taken at this time; more discussion will follow in the future. Cooper understands cost is an issue noting if all the concern at this time is to preserve the power lines a simple solution is to remove the trees along 17th Street hill. Bump reported the 15th Street Court project will start October 11th.

ELECTIONS - Mire: None.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY- Robertson: Robertson reported about Old Rapids City Cemetery findings. Robertson feels we are required to register the cemetery with Cemetery and Funeral Oversight Board; he is awaiting a call back to confirm details of registration. Robertson also discovered Good Samaritan Laws would apply if volunteers were to clean up the Old Rapids City Cemetery. He would like to discuss with Attorney Lee to verify no liability concerning injury under the law. Preservations for cemeteries are handled through Illinois Historical Preservation Agency; handouts are available online on the process. Costs for preservation of the cemetery are unknown, but in future budgeting an allotment can allocated for preservation. Robertson would like to further review of the Cemetery Trust with the Trust Manager or our Attorney to verify if funding would or would not be an option for projects for the Old Rapids City Cemetery. Robertson will confirm registration and then the Village Board will need to decide how to proceed with maintenance of the Old Rapids City Cemetery. A determination if the family of the deceased or the property owner is responsible for maintenance needs to be made. Robertson will do conduct additional research to present at budget meetings. Robertson also reminded of the Committee Meeting to be held at 4:30 the following day.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider: None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY - Fowler: Fowler reported the Village of Cordova has a surplus of a new electronic sign. The electronic sign is new never having been uncrated, 50x28, LED, and double sided, installation options are hanging or mounted on a pole. Mire stated asking price is \$7500.00 but thinks we should not offer more than \$6000.00. The purchase of the sign would come out of the General – Administration fund. The installation would not be completed until after the beginning of the next fiscal year. The stipulation of the purchase would be the sign would work at the time of installation. Schneider motioned to allow President Mire to make an offer to purchase the sign not to exceed \$7500.00. Fowler seconded. Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Rankin and Schneider voted yes. Robertson voted no. Motion carries.

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OLD BUSINESS: Riverdale Boosters thanked the Village for the donation received. Clark has asked the lines for the Post Office be repainted in the past as well as a sign for Handicapped spot, with no response. Bump stated the lines can be redone but no signage is allowed as the Village doesn't own the building. Mire will look into the matter and report back to the Board. Robertson inquired about the Railroad project as the ties have not been picked up yet. Rankin will talk with his railroad contact and report back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire noted the Village received a gracious donation of \$550.00 for the flag display along Route 84. With Veterans Day approaching us Mire would like to purchase eleven additional flags for the other side of Route 84. Mire asked the board to approve the purchase of two of each branch of the military flags and one POW/MIA flag with all hardware not to exceed \$825.00. Fiems motioned to approve the purchase of eleven new flags for the flag display not to exceed \$825.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Sarah Ford mentioned a local man Bob Windt will be spotlighted on ABC's program Toy Box on October 22nd.

With nothing further to be discuss, Mire asked for motion to adjourn. Rankin motioned to adjourn, all present concurred. President Mire adjourned this October 10th, 2017-regular meeting at 8:23 p.m...

Clerk