

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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, Fiems, Fowler, Mire Rankin, Schneider, Robertson  
Absent:

Also Present: Missy Housenga-Clerk, Ben Barber-Treasurer, Attorney Nick Mason, Officer McNeil, Wyatt Wisnefske, Dan Kesslmayer, Tom Bussert, Scott Searl, Matt Storm, Todd Verbeekmoes, Jon Bussert, Tim Feeney, Lynn Hunt, Tina Anderson, Cody Kessler, Brianne Barber, and Sarah Ford.

A quorum was established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Fiems motioned to approve 01/09/2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, 01/16/2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, 01/31/2018 Liquor Control Commission Hearing Minutes, 01/2018 Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber, 02/2018 Monthly bills, Rankin seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Lynn Hunt of The Edge and Tina Anderson of Tour DeBrew briefed the Board about a charity bicycle ride event called Tour DeBrew. Tour DeBrew supports cancer programs. The Tour DeBrew is celebrating its fifth year hosting a ride. It is projected 700 bicyclist will be taking part in this event on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10am to 2pm. Hunt and Anderson are asking for assistance from the Village with public safety, ensuring a safe crossing of Route 84, waiving special event fees for the day and finally asking for sponsorship of the event. Through discussion it was identified public safety is a major concern. Mire recommended to the Board to consider the Village provide police protection for safe crossing of Route 84 at no cost to The Edge or Tour DeBrew on the event day for the Tour DeBrew ride; waive special event fees at The Edge for the day of the event; Anderson of Tour DeBrew must submit to the Village no later than April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the insurance rider indemnifying the Village and a copy of an insurance policy; our engaging in this action in no way is a sponsorship of the event but to assist the public safety for the event. Robertson motioned to accept Mire’s recommendations concerning the event. Rankin seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

**PRESIDENT-Mire:** Mire touched base with the Board concerning GiLanella’s Pizza Fact Finding Hearing, ruling and all documents have been entered as official record. Mire confirmed with Attorney Mason no legal reasoning why Strada Communications could not use the utility easements within the Village to install fiber optics for internet. Legal Council also reviewed a drawn agreement between Strada Communications and the Village of Rapids City finding no issues. Scott Searl of Strada Communications addressed the Board seeking approval to use the utility easements to install fiber optic internet service. Installation of the cabling would begin once the weather allows. Mire noted in the long run this project would help the Village, schools and the community. Rankin motioned to approve the Utility Accommodation Agreement Between the Village of Rapids City Illinois and Strada Communications Hereafter Referred to as the “Agreement”. Clark seconded. Fowler abstained from voting. All others voted yes. Motion carries.

**POLICE REPORT - Chief Engle:** Report as presented.

**ATTORNEY- G. Lee:** Nothing to report at this time. Mire thanked the Village Legal Council for their work with the StadaComm Agreement and the Liquor Control Hearing proceedings.

**FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey:** Report as presented.

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

**BUILDING, ZONING & Planning – Fiems:** One permit was taken out last month.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE - Clark:** Nothing to report at this time.

**INFRASTRUCTURE - Rankin:** Rankin explained to the Board the need to add a deduct billing module to the Village’s current billing system. Rankin motioned to approve the

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purchase of the deduct software from United Systems Technology for the billing system at the cost of \$540.12. Clark seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

**ELECTIONS - Mire:** Nothing to report at this time.

**PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY- Robertson:** Nothing to report at this time.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider:** Nothing to report at this time. Clark noted an Alliance of Illinois Cemeterians training course; he feels this would be good so the Village can ensure all cemetery practices are being followed. Rankin motioned for Clerk Housenga to attend the Alliance of Illinois Cemeterians training program. Fowler seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY - Fowler:** Fowler requested to set dates and times for the events planned. Easter Egg Hunt will be held 03/24/2018 at 2:00pm. E-Waste Event will be held on 04/21/2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Community Clean-up Day will take place on 04-28-18 starting at 9:00am going till 12:00pm. Veteran's Thank You Dinner to be held on 05/19/2017 starting at 11:00am till 1:00pm. A date set for a Cemetery Clean-up Day will be revisited at a future meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mire noted a copy of proposed amendments for Water and Cemetery Ordinances were provided this evening and a copy of a revised Liquor Control Ordinance will be sent to all to review. Mire asked that all members please be ready to discuss at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 20th. Schneider mentioned he would like to see specifically what changes are being made when a proposed ordinance change is presented. Fiems added he would like to see a first and second reading of ordinance changes in the future.

Fiems inquired about additional trainings requested by Clerk Housenga. Housenga explained about free IDOT training in Paris, IL teaching IDOT accounting practices. Quick Books training available in Peoria in June, the class does a fee. It was requested at the next Budget Planning meeting to be prepared with travel and training costs.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

Having no further business to conduct at this time, Schneider motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting, Fowler seconded. The motion passed, President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 8:00pm.

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Clerk