

June 11, 2013

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Rankin at 7:03p.m.

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present – Clark, Bird, Dopler, and Schneider.

Absent – Corson, Hemm.

Also Present –Clerk Price, Ryan Bump, Attorney Fuller, Sarah Ford, Chief Fuller, Curt Brooks, Chris Frey, Scott & Regina James, Don Carey(RCFPD), Rod & Carolyn Fowler, Ruth Bess, Mike Holcomb, and Mike and Mary Stock.

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Bird motioned to approve 5/14/13 regular meeting minutes, 5/13 Treasurer’s Report, and 6/13 bills. /Dopler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Rankin will have the Steering Committee Minutes ready for next meeting.

PRESIDENT-Rankin: No report.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Fuller: Report as presented.

FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY - Fuller: Pasternak wanted clarification on the water main for the Brooks property. Ryan said that Brooks would use their backhoe to dig it up and Ryan would make sure it is capped. The valve is off but not capped yet. The Price home is recorded. Once Ryan gets the house torn down, we will have the property appraised and sell it. There is water and sewer to this property.

BUILDING & ZONING –Hemm: No report.

CEMETERY –Clark: No report.

ELECTIONS –Rankin: No report.

FINANCE -Corson: No report.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Clark: Clark motioned to accept the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented/Dopler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Caroline Fowler addressed the board representing the Country Garden residents. A petition was presented to the board requesting an ordinance be established for: Commercial vehicles and heavy farm equipment be prohibited from traveling on residential streets for the sole purpose of reaching a destination for loading and unloading, provided that the route to travel on said streets is the shortest deviation from the non-prohibited streets. Repetitive driving on residential streets or property of homeowners in the residential neighborhood is also prohibited by commercial vehicles or heaving farm equipment unless requested by the homeowners in the residential neighborhood. Rankin addressed the issue by saying that he was the one who drove the tractor in the Country Garden neighborhood. In his opinion he did not feel that the village could restrict other than by weight. At this time the mayor was recues from this matter and Steve Bird was acting as Mayor Pro-tem. There was an incident where the police were called and a neighbor involved had a discussion with Officer Vittori. Mr. Fowler said he tried to ask the neighbor to not take his equipment and tractors through this neighborhood and travel around to 52nd Avenue and then to 11th Avenue. The neighbors feel this is a safety issue, noise and exhaust issue, and deterioration of public streets and drive approaches. After discussing this Trustee Bird said this is obviously a hot topic and the village does border on farming areas. The board will look into how other villages address this problem and if they have any ordinances concerning this matter. We are constrained by the law and suggested that in the meantime

safety be the first concern. Ryan will look at the damage in the streets. The group was told to come to the next meeting to see how the village decides to address this matter.

PARKS & RECREATION –Dopler: The community park build is set for this Saturday, June 15. We need 10 to 15 people to help. Chris Frey was here and received permission for the Tug Run again to loop through Rapids City. She said they have taken care of the insurance.

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PERSONNEL –Corson: No report.

PLANNING –Bird: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY Bird: There are a number of signs missing throughout the village. There were signs with weight restrictions. Price will look into weight restrictions on residential streets.

PUBLIC WORKS –Hemm: No report.

SEWER –Schneider: The sewer numbers are going down.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Dopler: No report.

WATER –Schneider: Bump reported he is having the water tower cleaned.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Clark inquired about having a street light on the highway. There were studies done to see if the village needed a street light and it was felt by the state that we did not have enough traffic to require one. Stop signs on the bike trail were discussed. The police can enforce the ordinance if the board so chooses.

With nothing further to be discussed Schneider motioned/Bird seconded and President Rankin adjourned this June 11, 2013-regular meeting at 7:47 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK