

April 11th, 2017

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

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

ROLL CALL: Present – Rankin, Corson, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Doty
Absent – Schneider,

Also Present – Missy Housenga, Clayton Lee, McNeill-HPD, Sarah Ford, Ryan Bump, Steve Haring-MSA, Dick Robertson, and Richard Feims.

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Corson motioned to approve 3-14-17 minutes, 3/17 Treasurer’s Report, 4/17 Monthly bills, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes 3/27/17 and with corrections to spelling of names on minutes from 4/10/17. Mire seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PRESIDENT-Rankin: Rankin received solicitation from IL State Board of Education for a Summer Food Service Program to help with child hunger; he will research and follow up.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Engle: Report as presented.

FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY-Clayton Lee - : Clayton announced his Associate Judgeship position takes effect April 28th, 2017. Gray Lee with Lee & Lee Associates will take over as Village Attorney and will be at the May board meeting.

BUILDING & ZONING –Mire: 5 General, 1 plumbing permit.

CEMETERY –Clark: Clark reported our ordinance states a fence is required in the cemetery; Public Works Director Bump will be installing posts as a perimeter barrier. Report as presented from Steve Haring-MSA. Project is going well and is working on reference materials, marker pins and monuments. Steve also thanked Glenda, Emilie and Missy for their hard work on the project. Rankin reported the trust for the cemetery paid \$7387.15 for the work being done at the cemetery, benches and survey work.

ELECTIONS –Rankin: Ranking thanked everyone who ran for the open positions within the Village.

FINANCE -Corson: Ann’s Helping Hands submitted for a donation for school supplies, after discussion the Village will put out a box to collect supplies at the office.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Corson: No report.

PARKS & RECREATION –Clark: Clark inquired about bench for outside of office at the memorial sight Ryan will check with Emilie and Missy to see where the best place would be for it. Clark would like to see better lighting and ceiling fans in the office and boardroom, Ryan will help with project but may require additional help with wiring. Fowler mentioned Sulpher Creek Park needs to have merry-go-round fixed or replaced. Ryan thinks it needs to be pulled and replaced. Clark will look into replacement options.

PERSONNEL –Corson: Corson reported after the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 10th, all employees with the exception of Carol Hoodjer will receive a 2% hourly raise, a 5% bonus of yearly wage for Public Works Director and Clerk will be granted and a 4% bonus of yearly wage for all other employees with the exception of Carol Hoodjer.

PLANNING –Mire: No report.

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PUBLIC SAFETY - Doty: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Fowler: No report. Ryan asked for replacement of forks for tractor, plate compactor and wet saw cart at an estimated total of \$3500.00. Mire asked if the purchase was toward current fiscal year, Ryan confirmed yes. Corson motioned to allow the purchase of the forks for the tractor, plate compactor and asphalt wet saw not to exceed \$3500.00. Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

SEWER –Schneider: Report as presented by Steve Haring with MSA. Sewer project has been completed. Payment contract was presented; approval needed to pay first payment of \$56,655.00, leaving a balance of \$12,317.00 once has a final inspection. Ryan states McClintock was very easy to work with. Mire motioned to approve first payment of \$56,655.00. Doty seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Fowler: Fowler suggested a shred day for the residents of Rapids City and inviting Hampton or Port Byron to the event to share costs. She has investigated costs and a mobile shredder would come to Village Hall for residents to dispose of documents. It was discussed to poll the residents to see if the interest was there to warrant the event. Fowler reminded the E-Waste event will be on the 22nd of April across from Brother's Family Restaurant. Mire asked if the complaints on the Waste Report were resolved Housenga believes they were.

WATER –Schneider: Ryan reported a fire hydrant was hit by a car on April 1st, 2017. There was no valve shut off and second valve was abandoned. A live valve replacement took place at 14th Street and 3rd Avenue and the following day the shut off and hydrant were replaced on 15th Street. A police report was filed and insurance claim made for the hydrant portion of the incident. Ryan reported the total project cost will be \$15,000.00 not including asphalt, which will be handled within house. Officer McNeil stated no further information on the investigation at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Mire asked about the fiber optic coming to the area. Doty and Rankin explained deadline was pushed to April 15th, 2017. Fowler asked if welcome packets with local business information were sent or given when new resident moved to the village. Doty explained just a welcome letter to help with set up of new services and explaining how our services are billed. Mire would like to explore asking businesses to help with welcome offers to better the partnership with businesses and the community, Rankin and Corson agreed. Mire proposed in the upcoming year as Mayor he would like to see a committee created Community Relations and Events. Our website needs more wow and creating a Facebook page to be more communicative with the residents and businesses. Officer McNeil states that Hampton Police Department has had positive feedback on their Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed Mire motioned /Fowler seconded to adjourn and all concurred, President Rankin adjourned this March 14, 2017-regular meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Deputy Clerk