

**July 10<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 – Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, and Robertson.  
Absent – Schnieder.

Also Present -, Adam Reece, Mike Housenga, Mike DeMarlie, Todd J. Verbeckmoes, Matt Pivit, Collin and Evelyn Batey, Attorney Graham Lee, Ryan Bump, Missy Housenga, Ben Barber, Hampton Police Officer McNeil

A quorum was established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Fiems motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes 06/12/2018, Committee of the Whole Minutes 06/26/2018, Monthly Bills 07/2018, and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 06/2018. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Resident Adam Reece addressed the Board requesting a sewer reprieve due to a malfunctioning water softener. Water was not discharged into the sewer system but through a sump pump. Reece provided pictures to show discharge route. Public Works Director Bump reviewed pictures and verified from what he saw the water was discharged through the sump pump. Robertson motioned to approve a total credit of \$313.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Matt Pivit of Republic Services addressed the Board concerning changes in recycling procedures and costs. Pivit provided the Board informational materials concerning recycling and a proposed amendment to the current contract between the Village and Republic Services with an extension of terms to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Pivit explained processing fees for recycling have increased. Pivit asked the Board to consider sharing the increased costs of processing recycling; the additional cost of \$0.39 per household would be added to the monthly costs to the Village. Pivit noted Republic does conduct a monthly large item pickup out of good faith as it is not specifically in the contract, the contract states they are to provide a one-time per year roll-off for collection of large items. Robertson noted the Village is currently subsidizing the cost of waste pickup. Mire referred to the Treasurer’s Report finding the balance was \$33,084.00. Mire calculated the estimated cost over the next year being \$1900.08. Mire noted the current contract does not allow for an adjustment to costs without permission from the board, Pivit agreed. Pivit explained if the Board was to enter into additional contracts with Republic this fee would be reviewed yearly to ensure proper cost sharing. Mire asked if it was the pleasure of the Board to subsidize the costs at this time, but to wait on extending the contract until further bids could be collected. Robertson motioned to approve amending the current contract with Republic Services, term to expire June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the amount of \$0.39 per household for a recycling charge; the increase to be subsidized by the Village. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PRESIDENT - Mire:** Mire asked Clerk Housenga to provide bid specs used in 2014 and contract specs for seeking bids for residential refuse collection, additional information from RICMWA was provided as well. Mire asked the Board to review and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

Mire informed the Board he approved a sewer reprieve in the amount of \$86.25 as a one-time pool fill credit, resident was made aware no further credits would be given. Mire communicated with the Board he had been in contact with S & B Construction who was previously approved, in the amount of \$3162.00, to complete the office renovations. S & B confirmed they were very busy and were not able to complete the renovations for several months. Mire authorized Clerk Housenga to seek another bid. Cutting Edge Home Improvements produced a bid to complete the ceiling and drywall in the amount of \$1625.00. Mire refreshed the Board of a previous approval of \$750.00 to replace door hardware in the lower half of the building. A separate bid by Cutting Edge Home Improvement was also submitted to replace hardware on the lower level entry doors in the amount of \$900.00. Advantage Electric would still be completing the electrical portion of the ceiling renovations. Attorney Lee wants a formal certified letter sent to S & B Construction releasing the Village of the previous agreements; a requirement of a response within 5 business days, if no response is given the matter will be considered concluded. Fiems motioned to request in writing that S & B Construction confirm communications with President Mire releasing the Village of all agreements due to time constraints and authorizing the Village to seek other bids furthermore the letter be sent certified return receipt. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes.

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Rankin motioned upon receipt of response or failure of response to the letter sent to S & B General Contractors the Village will then move forward accepting the quote of Cutting Edge Home Improvement for projects totaling \$2525.00. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes.

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

**FIRE REPORT - Chief Carey:** No report. Mire once again thanked the Fire Protection District in aiding with 14<sup>th</sup> Street flooding. Mire also thanked the family that resides in the Village that helped with clean up. A thank you card will be sent to the family along with a \$50.00 gift card to Wal-Mart.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump:** Report as presented. Bump presented pictures to the Board for the LED sign placement requesting electrical connection authorization. Two options were presented for power connection; work would be completed by MidAmerican Energy. The options included an 18' pole with electrical drop to the sign at a cost of \$2600.00 or underground bored power directly to the sign at a cost of \$3600.00. \$8000.00 was budgeted for the project, if the bored power option were chosen \$4400.00 would be left for mounting and landscaping around the sign which Bump feels is adequate. Fiems motioned for the underground power to the digital sign at a cost of \$3600.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Bump will provide design ideas at the next meeting for mounting placement and landscape around the sign.

**ATTORNEY - G. Lee:** Lee will be working with Clerk Housenga concerning the properties surrounding the creek. Mire reported the appraisal for the 19<sup>th</sup> Street property has been completed. The property appraised at \$15,500.00. The Attorney will be drafting the ad for the selling of the property. The sale will be conducted by a sealed bid process with minimum bids being the amount of the appraised value of the property.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING - Fiems:** Lots of building activity in the community. Fiems reported he and his wife have chosen to build a new home within the Village as they feel this is a great community to be in.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE - Clark:** Clark would like to move forward with contracting with Azavar Government Solutions to try to recover additional funds. Treasurer Barber has experience with Azavar, he thinks it a great way to get moneys that are out there not currently being collected. Azavar also offers a suite of other software that is also available for purchase the recovery portion of their services are just a way to get their feet in the door. If the services are not needed we could just decline the offers. Robertson motioned to approve and enlist the services of Azavar Audit Solutions pending the review and approval by the Village Attorney of the previously presented contract. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**INFRASTRUCTURE - Rankin:** Nothing to report at this time.

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

**PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY- Robertson:** Robertson reported playground has been ordered. Bump is comfortable with the installation of the new park equipment; no special community involvement will be needed. MulchScapers has completed the mulching of Riverbend Park. Bump was very pleased with the process. Bump will be taking down the tree at the boat ramp in the upcoming weeks. Mire reported lighting will be replaced / fixed in the Rapids City Cemetery by MidAmerican Energy.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider:** Mire addressed the Engine Brake Ordinance. Mire reminded the Board of complaints, his work with Representative McCombie; he will also be working with the County and the State. It was recommended the Village pass an Engine Braking Ordinance. Mire wanted it understood, no one wants to put the farmers or quarry out of business, simply the Village wants to ensure Engine Braking and Compression Braking is halted and speeding contained. Police Chief Engle has been working on containing the speeding. An Engine Braking and Compression Braking drafted ordinance was presented. The ordinance would be located in the Community Safety chapter of the Village Code Book. Section 8 would be added stating, SECTION 8 ENGINE BRAKING AND COMPRESSION BRAKING.

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A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to use or permit the use within the Village of any engine brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of a vehicle which creates an excessive, loud, unusual or explosive noise from the vehicle audible by a person of normal hearing capability at a distance of three hundred feet (300').

B. This section shall not apply to the use of such techniques or devices when necessary to avoid a collision between the vehicle and any other vehicle, person and/or property.

C. Any person violating any provision of Section 8 of this Article shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

Fiems motioned to approve the presented Engine Braking and Compression Braking Ordinance. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY - Fowler:** Fowler will begin the process of visiting Rapids City businesses to take pictures and gather information for the Rapids City Facebook page.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mire noted resident Jerry Dufur extended a thank you to the Board for lowering the Snowbird fee to \$75.00.

A request was received by resident Ron Camper of 18<sup>th</sup> Street to have a large shipping container placed in his yard to be used as a shed. Per Attorney Lee treat it as an accessory building. Fiems and Clerk Housenga will review current Planning and Zoning ordinances to verify allowance since shipping containers are not specifically addressed in the Code Book. Mire pointed out the resident will need to also verify subdivision covenants to verify allowance. A Planning and Zoning meeting may need to take place if a revision to the ordinance needs to take place.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Sarah Ford apologized for the headline of the article that was in the Dispatch. Ford stated she did not submit the article as such. Ford did bring extra copies of the Review to share with the Board with the article the way she wrote it. Mire commented on the newspaper article in question. Ford also noted a Port Byron Farmer's Market is held at the Black Hawk State Bank parking lot on each Sunday.

Having no further business to conduct at this time, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting, Robertson seconded. The motion passed, President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 8:08pm.

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