

**August 14<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, Mire, Rankin, Robertson and Schnieder.  
Absent – Fowler.

Also Present - Sharon Lefever, Sara Ford, Brianne Barber, MSA Engineering, Attorney Graham Lee, Ryan Bump, Missy Housenga, Ben Barber, Hampton Police Chief Engle

A quorum was established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Fiems motioned to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes 07/10/18, Regular Meeting Minutes 07/10/2018, Committee of the Whole Minutes 06/26/2018, Monthly Bills 08/2018, and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 07/2018. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None.

**PRESIDENT - Mire:** Mire reported no bids were received for the sale of 535 19<sup>th</sup> Street. After discussion and approval of the Village Attorney Rankin motioned to list Village property known as 535 19<sup>th</sup> Street with Mel Foster and Company, price to be determined after a market analysis is complete. Schneider seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire reported the Community Center was rented by a resident for an event with all fees rented. The event needed to be canceled due to a serious injury to the renter. Mire asked the board if they wished to refund the moneys received for the rental. Fiems motioned to return the fees paid in association with the rental of the Community Center on the date of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire reported he authorized a sewer credit in the amount of \$88.26, the usage derived from filling a pool. The resident understands the no further credits will be given. Mire noted at the July 10th, 2018 meeting an incorrect count of households was reported for garbage collection, the correct count is 396.

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

**ATTORNEY - G. Lee:** Lee presented a drafted temporary easement for storm sewer agreement for the residents along the path of Sulphur Creek for Board approval. Lee asked for input concerning the agreement. It was made clear, once again, the project for clean up creek bed is not guaranteed due to cost. Through discussion it was determined line ten in the agreement need to be modified to reflect a specific date. Mire recommended presenting the easement agreement at a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mire did clarify the fact there are no retentions ponds on top of the hill. Rankin motioned to approve the presented temporary easement for storm sewer as presented with the modification of line item ten; stating the temporary easement will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**FIRE REPORT - Chief Carey:** July and August reports were presented.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump:** Report as presented. Fiems thanked the Public Works department for taking down the tree at the boat dock area.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING - Fiems:** Fiems educated the Board of an inquiry from resident Camper to place a 20’ x 8’ steel storage container on is property to use as a shed. Fiems reviewed the definition of accessory building with the Board as defined in the Village Code of Ordinances. Fiems see no violation within the code book if Camper wanted to place the unit on his property; as long as all set backs are followed and all other nuisance ordinances were followed.

Fiems noted a Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Robertson will be attending the Planning and Zoning Meeting as a resident, anything said by him at the meeting will be said as a resident not as a Board Member.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE - Clark:** Clark announced Rankin and Housenga submitted travel expense details for the upcoming IML Conference in Chicago. It was clarified funds were budgeted for the Conferences. Schneider motioned to approve IML Conference attendance and travel expenses, cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

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Attorney Lee expressed he sees no issues with the agreement previously presented by Azavar. All questions Lee had for Azavar were answered satisfactory. The Board had decided to wait until Clerk Housenga and Trustee Rankin have attended the IML Conference to decide to enter the contract with Azavar. This will give the Board an opportunity to pole other communities on their experiences with Azavar be for committing to the agreement.

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

**ELECTIONS - Mire:** Mire noted three Trustee positions will be available next election. Packets will be available in September. The election will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, more information will be available at later date.

**PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY- Robertson:** Robertson explained playground has been delivered. The Public Works Department will be installing the equipment within the next couple of weeks.

Robertson noted the Clerk will try for an IDNR grant to help pay for boat dock dredging and exercise equipment. Bump will check into pricing for the dredging for the submission of the grant. Mire noted previous issues with grant approval is the median house hold income for Rapids City is \$20,000.00 greater than the national average, therefore disqualifying us.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider:** Nothing to report at this time.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY - Fowler:** Mire thanked Fowler and Clerk Housenga for their work getting local business pictures and information on the Facebook page.

Mire also acknowledged Fowler for planting flowers on Village Hall property.

Robertson noted he feels Fowler does a good job with her committee assignments.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mire explained the State has approved two signs to be placed along Route 84 to prohibit engine and compression braking. The signs are on order and are to be installed by the Public Works Department. Mire briefed the Board about the Rock Island County Public Works Committee Meeting he attended concerning the Engine Braking and Compression Braking Ordinance. At this time there is not a uniform process for engine braking or compression braking within Rock Island County. Rock Island County will be adopting the current standards of the State of Illinois.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clark feels it would be a good idea to have a drive up lock box available for bill payments. Clark states it is hard for him to bend to drop his bill payment. Mire is concerned about locks being cut and theft of payments. Rankin noted most financial institutions will send payments for their members after they have scheduled the payment. A suggestion of cutting a mail slot in the entry door was introduced to reduce the risk someone hurting themselves while dropping off their bill payment. Clerk Housenga will get pricing on the installation of a mail slot and present at a future meeting.

Schneider will investigate adding onto the current noise ordinance. Train whistles blow at all hours of the day and night disrupting sleep. Schneider will present findings at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

Having no further business to conduct at this time in open session of this Regular Board Meeting, Rankin motioned to adjourn this meeting, Fiems seconded. An executive session will be conducted to discuss legal counsel retiring once this meeting is adjourned. The motion passed, President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 8:29pm.

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