

September 11th, 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 a moment of silence in memory of the late Senator John McCain and the victims of the September 11th terrorist attack.
All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Robertson, Schnieder
Absent – None.

Also Present – Attorney Lee, Treasurer Barber, Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, John and Renee Long, Marjorie and Tim Dolan, Pete Dokas, Richard Tittle Sr., Sarah Ford, Officer Dave Perley, Gary Polfliet, Russell Kinkad, Carol Downey, Dave McMillin, Rachel Bruce of Bi-State Regional Commission, Nicole Dopler-Reiman, Bill Jones, two additional people attended but their signatures are not legible on sign-in sheet.

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 08/14/18, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes 08/28/2018, Monthly Bills 09/2018 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 08/2018. Clark Seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Carol Downey of River Action briefed the Board about the upcoming Upper Mississippi River Conference and Quad Cities Flood Resiliency Alliance Workshop on October 24 & 25. Downey invited everyone to attend. The Flood Resiliency Workshop will be held on the afternoon of the 25th and could be purchased separately in the amount of \$25.00. Fiems had stated he would like to attend. Mire also recommended Rankin and Fowler attend as well. Trustees will check their schedules and make arrangements with Clerk Housenga to finalize registration for the Workshop.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Mire received a proposal from Attorney Mason of Mason and Scott PC for the duration of January 1st, 2019 through April 30th, 2020 with the same rates as the Village currently pays Attorney Lee. Robertson motioned the submitted proposal dated August 28th, 2018. Rankin seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire then asked the Board to consider approving one of two rates proposed to levy for 2018, to be collected in 2019. Mire recommended the rate of .5761 same as the last two years. A maximum rate of was also presented. With the current EAV the Village would gain approximately \$3900.00 in revenues compared to last year. Mire has also conferred with Treasurer Barber and it is believed the Village can sustain a viable budget with the .5761 rate. Mire noted he would not recommend raising water or sewer rates next fiscal year. Clark motioned to approve the Tax Levy rate of .5761. Fiems seconded. All voted yes. A prepared Tax Levy was presented and read aloud by President Mire. Total levied funds in 2018 will be \$157,366.40; these funds will be collected in 2019. Rankin motioned to approve the presented 2018/2019 Tax Levy Ordinance. Fowler seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire informed the Board of the process in collection of fines for ordinance violations and citations issued by the Hampton Police Department. MUNICES is a service that will give individuals the right of due process and a process of collection. Total of uncollected citations since 2017/2018 are \$755.00. The cost of the MUNICES service is currently \$1762.50. Rankin felt the service worth the cost to give citizens the right of due process. Robertson noted if a ticket is issued and not paid there is really no way to enforce ordinances. There are several other municipalities in the Illinois Quad Cities using this service. Lee recommends the service as this will give a way to enforce Village ordinances. Lee also suggested a one year trial period of the MUNICES service. Interim Chief Perley added this would be one more tool the Department has to enforce ordinances. Some examples of the types of tickets received in the office were given. Perley noted if a ticket for speeding is on a State or County a State or County ticket would be issued. Robertson motioned to approve the joining MUNICES in the amount of \$1762.50 for a one year trial period. Fowler seconded. All members of the Board voted yes except Schnieder. Motion carries.

Mire explained he was made aware plumbing permit fees are to be split equally between the Village’s Water and Sewer accounts. Funds need to be moved in the amount of \$1124.00 from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund. Fiems motioned to transfer \$1124.00 from Water to Sewer funds to true up the misapplication of funds. Rankin Seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries. Mire stated the Village received thank you messages from the Weatherington family, Fulton family and Project Graduation 2018.

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POLICE REPORT – Interim Chief Perley: Several congratulations were extended to Officer Perley for his new position with the Department.

ATTORNEY – G. Lee: Lee will have the Sulphur Creek property easement agreements to Clerk Housenga Thursday or Friday for review. A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for September 26th, 2018 at 6:30pm to discuss easements and the Sulphur Creek project.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: No Report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Electronic sign will begin soon with projected completion in October. Boring for electric will be completed at no charge by LSI. McClintock will begin the 13th and 4th Avenue drainage project soon, we are next on their list. Engine braking signs have been placed at both ends of town on Route 84. Engine braking signs will be placed on 12th Street after Rock Island County implements their process. Bump asked the board to approve a back up digital back up monitor \$1269.21. Rankin motioned to approve the purchase of a back up digital back up monitor in the amount of \$1269.21. Schnieder seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries. Robertson inquired on Sulphur Creek park playground equipment. Bump noted holes were dug for the equipment this week.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Clark noted with the switching of phone service providers the Village will be saving an approximate total of \$2134.80 annually. Ann's Helping Hands requested a donation to aide in filling Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. At this time a collection box will be placed at the office to help collect for the baskets.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Neptune maintenance agreement is up for renewal in the amount of \$2255.92. Fiems motioned to renew the agreement with Neptune in the amount of \$2255.92. Fowler seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire noted election packets for 3 – 4 year Trustee positions are available for pick up on September 18th, 2018. The election will be held on April 2nd, 2018. Filing period for the packets will be December 10th -17th, 2018.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Robertson explained previous plans for equipment for our parks. An opportunity has become available through the IDNR help with funding one of the Village's improvement projects with the OSLAD grant, Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant. Four pieces of exercise equipment and a bicycle repair station are planned for the Shuler's Shady Grove this project has been named Shuler's Shady Grove Wellness Center. Details of the project were presented to all members of the Board. The equipment would be able to be used by anyone within the Village, neighboring communities or even anyone traveling the Great River Trail. Robertson further explained the Village will budget for the full project next fiscal year, with funds coming from the General fund. If the project were approved by the IDNR the granting would pay for 50% of the project. Public discussion was opened to all in attendance at the meeting as well as pictures of the area were passed for everyone to review. Total approximate costs of the Wellness Center are \$13,663.05 which included the equipment, concrete, mulch and labor to install the equipment. Robertson asked the Board to approve the proposed project and grant approval process by passing the OSLAD Grant Resolution. Fiems motioned to pass the resolution as presented. Fowler seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler will resume her project of collecting pictures and information of Rapids City businesses to update the Village Facebook page within the next couple of weeks.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: Mire set the stage for the discussion of a rezoning request the Village has received, asking all in attendance be respectful and civil, asking everyone to wait his/her turn to speak. Fiems acknowledged the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to move forward with a request to rezone parcels 06-195, 197 and 921 from R-1 to C-1 made by Marjorie and Tim Dolan. Fiems has visited the site where the request to rezone would take place. He is concerned about the width 2nd Avenue A, stating he does not feel the infrastructure of the road would

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support the traffic. Gary Polfliet head of the Planning and Zoning Commission educated the everyone in attendance the lots would be used to construct a 70' X 104' building to house a Plumber and his equipment, supplies and office. Very little traffic would be related to this type of business, three trucks of the business' would be part of the fleet. Polfliet also added he feels the business owner would be a good neighbor and a good fit for the Village. Tim Dolan addressed the Board to confirm plans stating the type of business proposed to move into the lots conforms to the Future Land Use plan the Village created in 2014. Dolan noted he has had the land filled in past years, the land has been certified by an engineer, and furthermore adding the property is no longer in a flood plain. Dolan also stated in previous years neighbors have used the land to dump cars and garbage; unfortunately he cannot monitor the property all the times to prevent this from happening. Dolan also feels the proposed business to move into the lots will be a good neighbor and not bother anyone. Robertson asked if the lots were for sale. Dolan confirmed the lots were for sale. Robertson provided a petition given to him by the residents of the neighborhood opposing proposed rezoning and construction. Adding not one resident wants a business located on the land. Resident John Long prepared a written statement that he read aloud. In the statement Long expressed all neighbors in the area are opposed to the project as concerns of water issues may be problematic in the future from storm run-off and an underground spring. Neighbors were also apprehensive due to added traffic creating a safety issue with children playing and narrowness of the road. Long also noted he felt the Building Inspector's vote on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation was a conflict of interest. Mire stated Russ Dunbar the Building Inspector, vote was legal as he was a sitting member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Dunbar had resigned since the hearing as he did not want to give the appearance of impropriety. Pete Dokas, resident and business owner on 2nd Avenue A, expressed if he had know the property was for sale he would have made an offer to purchase the property. Schnieder pointed out the Route 84 overlay study gave the residents the option to voice their opinions of proposed projects, giving the Board a voting right to accept or deny development. Schnieder furthermore concurred 2nd Avenue A could not support the traffic and access to Route 84 from the lots would not be a feasible option as IDOT would have to grant permission. In the end, after much discussion, the Board brought it to question whether or not to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation. Through a roll call vote the recommendation to go forward with the project was denied as all Board Members voted no except Rankin who voted yes. Rankin feels this discision will send a bad message to those wanting to develop in within the Village. Parcels 06-195, 197 and 921 will remain zoned as R-1.

OLD BUSINESS: Once again, Mire noted the remainder of the Engine Braking Ordinance will be in full effect once Rock Island County finalizes their requirements for their ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISSCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Robertson seconded. All members of the Board agreed. President Mire adjourned this September 11th, 2018 meeting at 8:52pm.

Clerk