

**July 9th, 2019**

Village of Rapids City  
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:03p.m.  
All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call: Present** – Fiems, Schniederk, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Robertson

**Absent** - Clark

**Also Present** – Attorney Mason, Treasurer Barber, Public Works Director Bump, , Clerk Housenga, Chief Perley, Sarah Ford

A quorum was established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Rankin motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 06/11/2019, Monthly Bills 07/2019, Treasurers Report 06/2019. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** An email was presented to the Board from GFWC Rapids-Hampton Chapter requesting rental of the Rapids City Community Center at no charge for a public fundraising event. Currently the group does not have their non-profit registration but has ensured the Clerk the group would be filing for non-profit status once again. The current guidelines for Community Center rentals state a waiver for rental fees are only allowed to non-profit organizations. Mire noted the group conducts community related projects within our Village. Fowler noted the group will be donating park benches to the Village. Robertson requested proof of filing for the 501(c) prior to the event. Fiems motioned to approve an in kind donation to the General Federation of Women’s Club Rapids-Hampton Chapter not to exceed the amount of \$250.00 for the rental of the Rapids City Community Center on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Schneider seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PRESIDENT –Mire:** Mire touched base with the Board concerning the push notification system. Mire will be involved in a conference call this Thursday with CivicPlus to discuss the launch of the program. Once more information is available it will be provided to everyone. Mire had previously tasked Fiems to outline of a policy for the use of the push notification system. Fiems will work on this with the Clerk and present at the next meeting. Mire then addressed the issue of smoking and electronic cigarettes and marijuana. Drafted changes to current ordinances were presented for review by the Board. More discussion is to follow at the next meeting.

**POLICE REPORT – Chief Perley:** Report as presented. Perley is currently working with the Illinois Department of Transportation addressing the use of county roads by large trucks and semis to evade state scales, and conducting inspections. Perley is working with Rock Island County Human Society agreement.

**ATTORNEY – N. Mason:** Nothing to report at this time.

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Report as presented.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump:** Report as presented. Mire noted that Bump was on vacation during this last storm hit the Village but came in to help with storm clean up, Mire thanked Bump and Misfeldt for their work to clean up debris promptly. Mire also thanked Chief Perley for providing a squad car on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to block traffic during the storm clean up. Mire noted additional barricades are needed for road closures during the floods and after storms. Bump thanked the RCFD for their work cleaning up after the storm.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems:** Two permits for generators and one permit for a shed were last month.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark:** In Clark’s absence Clerk Housenga reported no executed grant agreements have been received. After all the grants are executed special accounts need to be set up and special accounting procedures need to implement to comply with each agency implementing the agreements. IDECO states we should have an executed agreement within the next three weeks. Fiems motioned upon receipt of executed agreements from IDNR and IDECO approval to set up a money market account and other associated accounts as described in the agreements for the OSLAD grant and Water Loop grant. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Clerk Housenga presented travel expense forms for attendance to the IML Conference held September 19-21, 2019 by Trustee Rankin and Housenga. A detail of conference sessions and times were provided. Rankin noted the sessions are very informative and stated an additional trustee may be helpful to attend as many of the conference topics may apply to Village business. When budgeting for next fiscal year an additional attendee may be budgeted. Mire suggested Housenga leave one day early to attend the cannabis session. Fiems motioned to approve travel

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expenses for the IML Conference held September 19-21, 2019 not to exceed \$1,750.00 each for Clerk Housenga and Trustee Rankin. Schneider seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** Rankin explained he and Mire met with Chris Cooper of MSA concerning the replacement of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street drainage culvert. A 10'X 14' box culvert will be poured into place under 14<sup>th</sup> Street where Sulphur Creek crosses, wing dams will be installed and riprap placed to avoid erosion. Removal of part of the sidewalk on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and trees will be required as well. Mire stated this design will save the Village about \$3,000.00. Mire noted communication will need to be required to discuss the water main and sewer lines between Bump and MSA. Rankin brought up the matter of purchasing barricades once again. Schneider motioned to approve the purchase of barricades, traffic cones and signage not to exceed \$4,000.00. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin brought everyone's attention to the East Moline Sewer bill as our usage has greatly increased since flooding and heavy rains began this spring. Mire noted FEMA is now allowing for reimbursement to be requested for sewage cost during the flood. Clerk Housenga will add on to the reimbursement request. Mire is meeting with the Mayors of East Moline and Hampton to discuss sewer rates and sewer board participation. Mire will report back with meeting results at the August meeting. Rankin gave a brief history of the relationship with East Moline concerning sewer. Rapids City does own a portion of the East Moline Sewer Treatment Plant. Schnieder would like to look at history of usage from previous floods.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** None.

**PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson:** Fowler motioned to purchase the Schuler's Shady Grove Wellness Center equipment once an executed OLSAD grant agreement is received from the IDNR; equipment to be purchased from Play & Park Structures in the amount not to exceed \$9950.20. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve the purchase of a bicycle repair station, Fixit with Air Kit 2, from Play & Park Structures in the amount not to exceed \$1400.00. Fiems seconded. Schnieder voted no. All other present Board Members voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve the purchase of sack concrete and associated materials to construct a 6' X 4' concrete pad for the bicycle repair station amount not to exceed \$750.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Robertson will work with Bump to come up the most ideal location for the bicycle repair station since the original location was flooded for quite sometime.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder:** Robertson motioned to approve amendments to Title VIII, Chapter 1, Article 8 of the Water Ordinance; amending the date inspections for backflows are due to the office to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

A Fraud Policy had been drafted and presented to aid in detection and prevention of fraud within the Village. Schnieder motioned to adopt the presented Fraud Policy of Rapids City. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

A Procurement/Purchase Policy was drafted and presented to set guidelines for the purchase and procurement of goods and service within the Village. Purchase spending limits were modified with this new policy. Schnieder motioned to adopt the presented Procurement/Purchase Policy for Rapids City. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler:** Nothing to report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Schnieder motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Folwer seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting at 8:22pm.

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Clerk