

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Mire, Clark, Fowler, Rankin, Robertson  
Absent – Fiems, Schnieder

**Also Present** – Attorney Mason, Clerk Housenga, Sarah Ford, Public Works Director Bump,  
Treasurer Barber, Nicole Dopler-Reiman & Doug Reiman.

A quorum was established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Robertson motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 08/13/2019, Monthly Bills 09/2019, Treasurers Report 08/2019. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Nicole Dopler –Reiman and Doug Reiman addressed the Board to discuss MUNICIPALITIES and discuss encroachment issues with a neighboring property. Mason stated the some issues brought up by the Reimans are civil in nature. An ordinance letter will be sent to the neighboring property owner to have them move a shed and green house to comply with setback requirement as stated in the Village Code of Ordinances if the Public Works Director can verify the accessory buildings are noncompliant. In the letter abatement of weeds will also be addressed if the Public Works Director can verify the height of the weeds violate ordinance.

**PRESIDENT –Mire:** Mire reminded everyone of Patriot Day on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Flags will be at half staff to honor those involved of the September 11<sup>th</sup> events.

Mire was excited to announce the launch of the CivicReady Emergency Alert Service at the beginning of the month. Mire reported 53 users were already signed up for the service. The service was already put to use to notify of the water main break earlier in the month.

Two tax levy rates were presented to the Board for review and approval, rates of .5761 and .5898.

Mire and the Treasurer agree the Village is in good standing and we do not have to increase property tax rates at this time. Robertson motioned to approve a tax levy rate of .5761 for levy year 2019. Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Mire read the prepared Tax Levy for

levy year 2019, collection year 2020. Funds and amounts included in the tax levy were for General Corporate Fund \$67,900.00; IMRF \$23,300.00; Police \$20,675.00; Cemetery \$4,096.00; Audit \$9,000.00; Liability Insurance \$19,774.00; Social Security \$16,000.00. Discussion took place concerning the rate, moneys collected and future expenses. Mire noted local sales tax is not

imposed on goods sold in the village. As major projects need to be completed in the future, a municipal sales tax may need to be imposed to pay for those types of projects. Robertson would like

to investigate possible revenues that could be brought in by video gaming, as these types of funds could be a good resource to pay for streets, boat docks, etc.

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**POLICE REPORT – Interim Chief Costas:** Report as presented. .

**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. Bump reported additional information concerning the latest water main break. Prior to the winter season Bump recommended a live valve insertion to remedy to shut off issues on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The valve insertion would be a precautionary measure at an approximate cost of \$7,500.00 and if completed less residents would be affected by a water main break. If the insertion were to be completed as a reactive measure costs could total around \$25,000.00.

Mire asked Bump to get pricing on replacing the remainder of the sidewalk located on the south side of IL RT 84.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems:** 3 general permit and 1 new construction permit were issued in August.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark:** Clark approved to donate \$100.00 to Ann’s Helping Hands.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** Additional discussion took place concerning the valve insertion previously discussed. Rankin motioned to approve an isolation valve insertion on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, north of IL RT 84, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Rankin noted the Storm Siren grant paperwork was received have Mire and Barber to sign off on.

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**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin Continued:** Rankin reviewed project updates provided by MSA Professional Services. The water loop project costs may be approximately 30% greater than previously expected due to bedrock. Culvert replacement on 14<sup>th</sup> Street conflicts with MidAmerican Energy gas lines and fiber optic lines were identified. To complete this project there may be a small bump in the road to accommodate for the lines and bedrock. Currently engineers are working on permitting, once permits are received the bidding process will begin.

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

**PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson:** Robertson explained OSLAD grant has been executed; we're just waiting for further information from our grant manager for our next steps.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder:** Robertson motioned to approve the presented Title II, Chapter 3, Article 2 Regulations Governing Moving Vehicles, to be amended by adopting and inserting Section 9 – Electronic Communication Devices of the Rapids City Village Code. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler:** Fowler reported dates for community events. The Village will host a Halloween Party on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 3-5pm. Casey's General Store donated 30 ice cream cones and 30 slices of pizza to the event. The Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11:30am – 1:30pm. Finally the Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 2-4pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Rankin motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss legal options pertaining to property within the Village at 8:18pm. Fowler seconded. All in attendance agreed. Motion carries.

At 8:30pm President Mire resumed the open session of this regular board meeting. Mire noted no votes or action was taken during Executive Session.

Rankin motioned to begin legal abandonment proceedings on parcels 06-935-13 and 06-935-14 in the Village of Rapids City. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

With nothing further to be discussed, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Clark seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting at 8:34pm.

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Clerk