

October 8, 2019

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 – Mire, Clark, Fowler, Rankin, Robertson, Fiems, Schnieder

Also Present – Attorney Mason, Billing Clerk Kelly Becht, Treasurer Barber, Connie Cornmesser, Mike Demarlie and Daka Dalaska

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Clark motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 09/10/2019, Committee of the Whole minutes 10/1/2019, Monthly Bills 10/2019, Treasurers Report 09/2019. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Connie Cornmesser addressed the board concerning the property at 518 18th Street Rapids City, parcel numbers 06-935-14 and 06-935-13. Cornmesser is informing the board that her husband bought the property without her knowledge from Wayne A. Tomasson on June 18, 2019. Due to the legality of the quick claim deed there has not been a deed recorded for the properties with Rock Island County. Tomasson currently resides in the Rock Island County Jail. Cornmesser is in the mitts of retaining legal counsel to assist her in this matter. Cornmesser’s intent for the property is to clean up the dwelling and property for resale. There is an outstanding bill for Rapids City utilities, in which Cornmesser is asking for a reduction. Cornmesser understands the Village board already voted to file for abandonment on the property. Cornmesser asked the board to also consider halting the abandonment process for two weeks until she can discuss with legal counsel over the matter. No decisions were made at this point, Mire thanked Cornmesser and told her they would get back to her.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Mire stated to board that the Village received a thank you note from Riverdale School Booster Club. Rankin motioned to stay in Opiate Class Action Notice. Schneider seconded. Fiems, Clark and Robertson voted no, while Rankin, Schneider and Fowler voted yes, with tie vote Mire voted yes and the motion carries.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Engle: Report as presented. Engle reported Officer Costa was promoted to Lieutenant. Engle stated they are taking applications for another officer.

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. Winter road salt was purchased. It was reported two water main breaks occurred in September.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: 6 general permits issued in September. Fiems states he would like zoning to be looked at by possibly combining C1 and C2 together. Fiems stated he would do some checking into other villages and put something together for the next meeting.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Donation request for Rapid City Fire Department was received; Clark will talk with Clerk Housenga to verify past donation amounts. Donation request for Halloween Party and Halloween candy for Hampton Police Department. Fiems motioned to renew insurance with IMLRMA and authorization of Early Payment Option with Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin reported 14th Street culver project status is waiting for Army Corps of Engineers and State historical society permitting. Rankin motioned to give all Rapid City residents a garbage reprieve in the month of December. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Rankin motioned to appoint Clerk Housenga as FEMA grant manager. Fowler seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Robertson stated exercise equipment for bike path was ordered today. Park bench donated by GFWA is ready to put in park after Public Works Director Bump pours concrete. Bench will be placed at park on 4th Avenue and 14th Street. Mire thanked Rankin and Fowler for putting together the bench.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: All trustees were given amended ordinance information, all ordinance books were updated as well. A brief conversation took place concerning the upcoming legalization of cannabis in the state of Illinois. Board members have requested printed copies of all cannabis materials that have been emailed.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler reported electric sign has been completed. Fowler stated that the Village's Halloween party will be Sunday October 27 from 3p.m. to 5p.m. Robertson motioned to renew with MUNICES in the amount of \$1,539.77, Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Business owner, Mike DeMarlie stated his opinion on C1 and C2 zoning. DeMarlie thinks they need to be switched around. Feims thanked him, and stated the change would be considered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Schneider motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss legal options pertaining to parcels 06-935-13 and 06-935-14 property within the Village at 7:43p.m. Fowler seconded. All in attendance agreed. Motion carries.

At 8:15 p.m. President Mire resumed the open session of this regular board meeting. Mire noted no votes or action was taken during Executive Session.

Robertson motioned to continue with abandonment filings unless Cornmesser can show free and clear title on parcels 06-935-13 and 06-935-14, meet requirements of paying utility bill in the amount of \$1200.00 and pay all attorneys fees from filing abandonment procedures by November 8th, 2019. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Mire stated he would like to revise the water ordinance making a clearer responsibility in case of resident death or property abandonment.

With nothing further to be discussed, Feims motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Robertson seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this October 8th, 2019 meeting at 9.00pm.

Billing Clerk