

February 11th, 2020
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 – Feims, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Robertson,
Absent – Schneider

Also Present – Attorney Mason, Treasurer Barber, Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, Sarah Ford, Mike DeMarlie, Leonard Bernhardt, Nick Peschang, Kathy Overton, Doretta Carr – FEMA, Pete DeMaree – FEMA

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 01/14/2020, Committee of the Whole Minutes 01/21/20, Committee of the Whole Minutes 02/05/2020, Monthly Bills 02/2020 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 1/2020. Rankin seconded. All members voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT –Mire: None.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Engle: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Mason provided an update on the abandonment process of the property located on 17th Street. A new tax buyer has been introduced the notification process will need to be carried out.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Bump asked the board to consider the purchase of a used mini excavator in the amount of \$50,000.00. Mire verified with council the legalities of purchasing used equipment, council saw no issues with the purchase. Rankin has completed an online search to compare pricing of like equipment and feels this is a fair price. Barber will look into current budget standings to see if the expense is feasible in this budget year. Bump presented quotes for removal of 2 trees located on village property located at 1204 4th Avenue, no stump removal was quoted. Quotes were received from Hymes Trees Service at \$7,500.00, Jessie LeMaster of Tree Master Tree Service at \$2,500.00 and Dave Tree Service at \$3,200.00. Mire confirmed the trees are dead and dropping branches creating a liability. Robertson motioned to approve Jessie LeMaster to remove 1 cottonwood tree and 1 elm tree at a cost of \$2,500.00. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: No new permits were taken out this last month. Fiems reviewed the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing from January 23rd, 2020. The hearing was requested by Mike DeMarlie to change zoning from C-1 to C-2 for the property located at 210 11th Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission made the recommendation to the Board to grant this request as no neighboring property owners have opposed the change. Fiems motioned to approve the change of zoning classification from C-1 to C-2 for the property located at 210 11th Street, Rapids City. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Robertson noted the corner of 11th Street and Route 84 needs to be kept an eye on; the entrance is narrow and may pose a hazard if more traffic is introduced. Rankin briefed the Board concerning the flood manager class himself and Fiems attended. After attending the class it has been determined the Village would not benefit by pursuing and certifying a flood plain manager.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Clark reviewed the quarterly report provided by Azavar Government Solutions. Azavar recovered \$341.72 in uncollected utility taxes.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin brought attention to a letter received from Republic Services concerning fees being imposed for the collection of tires and mattresses in the amount of \$25.00 each. Information has been given to all residents explaining a way to have tires and appliances disposed of at no charge. Mire asked Clerk Housenga to review and send a copy of the minutes, tape and contract discussions and send any information to Attorney Mason. Large

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item pick up had previously expressed to be at no extra charges when negotiations were discussed. Rankin also noted a regular contractual increase in collection cost by Republic Services will be imposed in July. Currently the rate the residents pay is lower than the contracted rate. During budget meetings a new rate for residents will be discussed. Rankin gave a FEMA update concerning 1st Avenue and the parking lot to Schuler's Shady Grove. MSA Professional Service conducted an evaluation of the area in May 2019, midway through the flood period. Clerk Housenga asked Chris Cooper from MSA for an explanation of criteria used for the evaluation. Cooper sent a report and estimate for repair/replacement for the area, total projected cost is \$309,006.01. In the initial report Cooper's last paragraph states "1st Avenue pavement east of 12th Street be considered for future rehabilitation". Peter DeMaree, FEMA, explained the time allowed for repairs would be 18 months after the decoration was made. A site inspection is required to see if the area is eligibility for repairs to be reimbursed by FEMA. Repairs would only be reimbursed for bringing the site back to pre-disaster conditions; maximum reimbursement would be 75% of repair costs. Determination of the site inspection could take up to one and half months. No obligation to repair is required if FEMA determines no reimbursement moneys will be granted. A site inspection will be conducted February 13th, 2020 at 10am. DeMaree explained previous claims already submitted could possibly be delayed due to the addition of the site inspection and possible claim. Rankin reported the mold mitigation was completed in the storage room located at Village Hall. Next step in preventing the reoccurrence of mold would be to look into modifying the landscaping to aide with drainage. Rankin explained the storm siren has been completely installed and should be in working order. Mire would like to send an informational flyer to Rapids City residents prior to the first monthly test.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire encouraged everyone to participate in the 2020 Census, further explaining each resident counted brings in approximately \$18,000.00 in revenue over a 10 year period for the Village.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Nothing to report at this time.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler noted dates and times for upcoming Village sponsored events; Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 4th, 2020 at 1pm; Community Clean up and E-Waste will held April 25th, 2020 from 9am to noon; and Veterans and First Responders Luncheon will be held on May 16th, 2020 from 11am to 1pm. MidAmerican Energy has been contacted to assist with additional lighting at the Village Hall parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Feims motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this February 11th, 2020 meeting at 7:53pm.

Clerk