

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Schnieder

Absent – Robertson

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

A quorum was established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Rankin motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 02/11/2020, Committee of the Whole Minutes from 02/12/2020, Monthly Bills 03/2020 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 02/2020. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None.

**PRESIDENT –Mire:** Mire explained Clerk Housenga and himself have been researching a way to conduct a meeting if we were impacted by a communicable disease or other disaster. Illinois law states a physical quorum must still be present at the meeting location and the remaining members could attend via electronically. A drafted ordinance was presented to all members of the Board to review and discuss at a future meeting.

**POLICE REPORT – Chief Engle:** Report as presented. Engle reported the Department has been working with Rock Island County investigating the recent robberies. Further investigations will be conducted and hope to see an apprehension soon.

**ATTORNEY – N. Mason:** Mason’s office staff are continuing to work on the abandonment of the property located on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump:** Report as presented. Sandbags have been ordered to prepare for possible flooding this year. Bump asked the Board to approve the purchase of a used mini ex 2016 New Holland E55BX with accessories in the amount of \$50,000.00. Review of financials was conducted and board discussion took place. Rankin motioned to approve the purchase a 2016 New Holland E55BX with accessories in the amount of \$50,000.00 from Andrew Kruckenberg; purchase is to be split equally between Recreation, Street, Water and Sewer; \$25,000.00 is to be paid by 05-01-2020 and the remaining of \$25,000.00 is due by 06-01-2020. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Bump asked the Board to approve purchase of a trailer for hauling the mini ex, cost should not exceed \$5,000.00. The expense for the trailer will be budgeted for next fiscal year.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems:** 2 general construction building permit were issued in the month of February.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark:** Clark reviewed bonus and wages previously discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Fiems motioned to approve a bonus payouts on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to Barber in the amount of \$300.00, Becht is to receive a 5% bonus equaling \$314.38, Bump is to receive a 7% bonus equaling \$4,958.63, Misfeldt is to receive a 7% bonus equaling \$4,018.55 and Housenga is to receive a 6% bonus equaling \$1758.02, bonuses are to be paid on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020; new wage rates are to be effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as follows, Barber is to be paid monthly at \$450.00, Becht hourly rate will change to \$11.22, Bump hourly rate will change to \$29.52, Misfeldt hourly rate will change to \$26.18 and Housenga hourly rate will change to \$17.65. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.  
Donation request from Riverdale Unified Boosters Golf Tournament was received; a donation has not been given in previous years. Fiems motioned to donated \$150.00, Black Sponsorship, to Riverdale Unified Boosters Golf Tournament. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** The contracted rate for refuse collection rises in July 2020. Barber recommended a rate increase for residents to \$13.25 monthly. Fiems motioned to raise the garbage rate for residents effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to \$13.25 monthly. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin took the opportunity to get an estimate for costs associate in re-skinning the 17<sup>th</sup> Street maintenance building as improvements are necessary for the structure. The current structure is estimated at cost for the re-skinning came in at approximately \$102,000.00. A second estimate was

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given for replacing the current building, adding 40% more square footage at a cost of \$110,000.00. Electrical, plumbing and concrete are not included in the estimate. The quotes were obtained to help with the spec process when the time actually comes to address the replacement or repair of the maintenance building. Investigative discussion took place to identify timing of the project, storage of equipment and other building specifications. More discussion will take place at a future budget planning meeting.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Mire reminded everyone to vote next month.

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

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder:** Nothing at this time.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mire updated everyone on the progress of the water loop project; we are waiting on one more approval from the railroad to start the project. Mire also updated everyone on the activities of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street culvert replacement. The Catholic Diocese of Peoria has authorized the signature of the easement. A preconstruction meeting is being planned. The Storm Siren is operational and has passed the first monthly test. Mire thanked everyone for everyone's help and support during the project completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Schneider motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fiems seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting at 7:43pm.

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Clerk