

July 14th, 2020

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Absent – None.

Others Present – Attorney Nick Mason, Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga, Public Works Director Bump, Sarah Ford entered 7:25pm and Interim Chief Tone entered at 7:27pm

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Clark motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 06/09/2020, Monthly Bills 07/2020 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 06/2020. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes; motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Jim Taylor of Carpentier, Mitchell & Goddard introduced himself to the board. Taylor expressed the firm’s interest in fulfilling the need for auditing services for the village by presenting a proposal of services and pricing.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented.

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

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report as presented. Rankin noted the number of calls the department is dispatched to has gone up.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Robertson suggested looking into a battery backup for the electronic sign as during power outages the sign loses all programming. Bump will look into options and costs for a battery backup. Clark questioned the process of patching roads. Bump stated road patching is conducted as time allows. Mire has talked with Bump requesting for the equipment at Shuler’s Shady Grove be installed by the end of July and the illegal dam located in Sulphur Creek within village easement is to be removed by the end of August. Bump noted the culvert located under 13th Street between the 200 and 300 block is starting to fail. Bump explained over this last weekend the backup generator failed due to maintenance issues and the mobile generator that is the backup to the backup failed. A new maintenance company has been chosen to maintain stationary village generators. Bump will investigate options for a jumpstart battery for the mobile generator.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: 7 general and 1 new construction permits were issued last month. It was requested Clerk Housenga have Building Inspector Dunbar look for violations of no fencing around pools or appropriate pool covers then follow up with letters sent to violators.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Clarification discussion of the Engle Scholarship took place. Clark motioned to approve a \$500.00 annual scholarship in memory of Terry Engle not to exceed a period of five years unless reviewed by the board with the allocation of the scholarship to be determined within the next 60 days. Fowler seconded. All members voted yes; motion carries. Fiems will verify Blackhawk College if they can allocate the scholarship to an awardee on behalf of the Village of Rapids City annually.

Materials were provided to the board concerning e-billing and e-pay options for utility billing. Mire would like each trustee to review the information and be ready to discuss next month.

A discount on the utility billings for residents and business owners was discussed. At this time, an additional discount of village billed services will be tabled.

Clark approved \$100.00 to be donated to Ragging Rapids.

The board agreed to refund deposits to all Community Center renters that canceled their parties due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mire recused himself from the matter of auditing services as one of the bidders preforms his personal taxes, handing the discussion over to Rankin. Clerk Housenga explained the Auditor historically used to perform annual audits for the Village has decided to not submit a bid for renewal of services going forward. Four firms were contacted to get proposals for services. Two firms submitted quotes Carpentier, Mitchell and Goddard and WIPFLI to provide audit services for the Village. WIPFLI quoted audit services as follows; \$12,500.00 for fiscal year 2020, \$13,000.00 for fiscal year 2021; \$ 13,350.00 for fiscal year 2022; grand total over the three-year period \$38,850.00. Carpentier, Mitchell and Goddard quoted audit services as follows; for fiscal year 2020 audit cost of \$10,300.00, preparation of the annual report cost of \$1,000.00 and preparation of the treasurer’s report cost of \$750.00; for fiscal year 2021 audit cost of \$10,700.00, preparation of the annual report cost of \$1,050.00 and preparation of the treasurer’s report cost of \$800.00; for fiscal year 2022 audit cost of \$11,700.00, preparation of the annual report cost of \$1,100.00 and preparation of the

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PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark continued: Treasurer's report cost of \$850.00; grand total over the three-year period \$37,750.00. Robertson motioned to accept the bid from Carpentier, Mitchell and Goddard. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes, motion carries.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin noted the upcoming garbage rate fee change to \$13.25 for all garbage and recycle subscribers.

Rankin explained the grating for the entrance of the culvert located on 14th Street for the Culvert Replacement Project is yet to be delivered and installed.

MSA Professional Services provided a quote in the amount of \$4,400.00 for the completion of any paperwork required to reestablish Sulphur Creek. Sulphur Creek Phase 2 project will begin with the dam being removed within village easement, discussed in a planning meeting with MSA, Rankin and Bump, which does not require permitting. The board agreed to see how the removal of the dam will affect the flow of water and if additional work is required MSA may be contacted.

Rankin motioned to remove Title VII, Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 6 of the Village Code of Ordinances. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes; motion carries.

Bump and Rankin discussed water tower maintenance with the board. Maguire Iron, Inc. provided a free preliminary inspection of the water tower and system. A bidding process will be followed when the time comes to search out maintenance for the water system.

Rankin briefed the board of the status of all grants. The Village is waiting for the close out of the claim for the boat dock floats and repairs. The OSLAD grant has paid out the first half of the granted amount, the project is needing completion to receive full payout. The storm siren grant is on its final report to the granting agency. The water loop grant has been extended to June 30th, 2022.

Rankin reported he attended a meeting with Stanley Consultants concerning the I80 Bridge replacement. Preliminary discussion of plans were reviewed and public engagement meetings are planned for spring of 2021.

Barber left the meeting at 8:20pm

Rankin gave a brief report on the property located on 17th Street the Village is trying to acquire through abandonment proceedings. Approximately 400 tires were left by the property owner.

Rankin will be calling the Health Department to have the property reviewed as this is a health and safety hazard.

Garbage complaints from residents in Eagle Pointe were reported this last month. Fluid leaked from one of the trucks during refuse pick staining the road at all stops. Republic Services has offered to submit a claim through their insurance company to spot seal coat the affected areas on Eagle Pointe Pass and Eagle Pointe Circle or the funds can be use to aid in seal coating the entirety of both roads. As seal coating has not been discussed or budgeted for this fiscal year the board decided to go with the option to seal coat each area.

Cleaning of the bathrooms located at Schuler's Shady Grove were discussed. Due to cleaning restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 signs have been added to the restrooms explaining the last date cleaned, a recommendation from Attorney Mason. Currently the restrooms are not being cleaned on the weekends. Bids for cleaning of the restrooms were received from Service Master by Blaze in the amount of \$250.00 per visit; Luxury Cleaning in the amount of \$100.00 per weekend, using supplies provide by them; ServePro submitted a bid of \$450.00 per day the restrooms are cleaned; Kelly Becht in the amount of \$50.00 per day using supplies provided by the Village. Schneider motioned to approve the bid from Luxury Cleaning in the amount of \$100.00 per weekend the bathrooms are cleaned while open for public use. Robertson seconded. All members voted yes. Motion passes.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: The Board then revisited the matter referred to as the grassy area on the recreational path north of Schuler's Shady Grove referred to as the grassy area, which a complainant was lodged expressing it's to hazard to bicyclists. The area was originally proposed as a turn around when the bike was not finished. Robertson motioned to layout pavement markings and install signage indicating a split in the trail to keep right on both sides of the trail. Fiems seconded. Schneider added if the Quad City Bicycle Association wants any further resolution, including paving, they can pay for any additional options to resolve as they would see fit after approval from the Board. Fowler asked Mason if the Village would be liable if someone were to get hurt after the signage was installed. Mason the signage does provide reduced liability, nothing is one hundred percent with no liability. All present voted yes. Motion passes.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: Hampton Police Department presented a vehicle impoundment ordinance for consideration. The matter was tabled at this time and will be revisited at the August meeting as further review as requested.

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

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OLD BUSINESS: The property located on 17th Street is still in the process of abandonment court proceedings have not yet begun. The Police Report Mire redacted previously will be sent in it's original form to the Village Office to have Clerk Housenga send to all Board Members for review.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board would like Police Officers to report to the Village Clerk possible properties with ordinance violations. The Clerk shall attempt to resolve the issue with mailing correspondence. The Board also requested Building Inspector Dunbar provide a report of any properties within the Village that do not have proper height fence to accommodate a pool.

PUBLIC DISSCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Robertson seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this June 9th, 2020 meeting at 9:01pm.

Clerk