

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

**Roll Call:**

Physically Present – Clark, Fiems, Rankin, Fowler, Schnieder

Telephonically Present – Robertson

Absent – None.

Others Physically Present – James Boone, Sheriff Bustos, Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga, Chief Tone, Deputy Sherriff VenHuizen, 7:41pm Bruce Peterson entered the meeting.

Others Telephonically Present – Sarah Ford, Attorney Mason and Public Works Director Ryan Bump, Michelle Reyes, Julie Wildermuth, Jim Miller, Mickey Johnson, April Johnson, 7:27pm Richard Vershaw entered the meeting.

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Rankin motioned to approve 12/08/2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, 12/28/2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 01/2021 Monthly Bills and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber 12/2020. Fiems seconded. All board members voted yes, motion carries.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Via Zoom Andrew Cravens, Client Liaison, specializing in wastewater and Tom Stetzers, P.E., specializing in municipal engineering including boat launches introduced themselves and the company they represent, Strand Associates, Inc. Strand Associates provides engineering services to many of the municipalities in the Quad City area and tri-state area as well. The company would like to offer their services to Rapids City. President Mire thanked both gentlemen for their introductions, adding any future engineered projects will be put out for bid prior to a firm being chosen.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Mire took up the matter of police protection and proposed contracts from the Village of Hampton and Sherriff of Rock Island County. Hampton provided a contract for three years with costs of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in the amount of \$105,000.00; April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at \$106,050.00; April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at the rate of \$107,110.50. Rock Island County provided a contract for three years as well with costs of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in the amount of \$65,000.00; April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at \$65,650.00; April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at the rate of \$66,306.50. Mire gave both entities the opportunity to speak on behalf of their proposals, history, and benefits. Chief Tone, Trustee Bornehoft and Mayor Vershaw spoke on behalf of the Village of Hampton Police Department. Throughout conversation it was identified if the Hampton Police Department and Rapids City did not partner once again a 24/7 police force and/or patrols will no longer be possible, adding that both villages are stronger together. Sherriff Bustos spoke on behalf of the Rock Island County Sherriff’s Department noting it was never the intent to get into a competition between the departments. Mayors Boone of Cordova and Peterson of Port Byron spoke on behalf of their partnerships and experience with Rock Island County. Rapids City Trustees were given the chance to ask questions, express concerns, and make statements. All attendees had the possibility to give comments and ask questions during open session. Clerk Housenga voiced a positive comment from a resident that called in to the office today. President Mire also shared Mr. and Mrs. Reichwein and Mrs. Lambert would like to carry on with police protection from Hampton. Mire stated all decisions of such are exceedingly difficult but will be made with three items in mind, 1.) What will provide the best safety for our residents? 2.) Who has the greatest resources? and 3.) What is financially smart for the Village? Rankin motioned to enter into the police protection agreement with Rock Island County as presented beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Schneider seconded. Rankin, Clark, Schnieder, Fowler, Robertson voted yes, Fiems voted no; motion passes 5/1. Mire thanked and respects all who expressed interest in this matter as well as for attending the meeting.

Mire then discussed with the board his thoughts of giving a rebate to Class I Liquor License holders as much of the year the two businesses were not able to sell goods the license was intended for. Rankin motioned to authorize a rebate of 50% of the cost of a Class I Liquor License, total rebated to each business is \$300.00. Fowler seconded. All members voted yes, motion passes.

**POLICE REPORT – Chief Tone:** Report as presented. Clerk Housenga provided an email sent to Chief Tone concerning DUI Funds. At a previous meeting Tone stated the Department was to receive moneys related to DUI convictions. Clerk Housenga followed up with research verifying 2 DUI convictions were paid to Hampton Police Department by Rock Island County Treasurer’s Office. Chief Tone verified funds were received and no addition moneys were owed for the 2 convictions.

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

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** No report given. The department is always in need of volunteers. Applications are available on online.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Report as presented. Bump reported a water main break occurred this morning on Deer Run Road, repairs are expected to be complete tomorrow.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems:** Nothing to report at this time.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark:** An audit of the Garbage Funds as requested a last month's meeting was reviewed. Clark would like to see what Building Inspectors in other communities are paid. If we are trying to save money, comparing rates with other municipalities may help save funding. Clark authorized a \$100.00 donation to Riverdale Education Foundation.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** MidAmerican Basement Systems provided a bid to rectify the water seepage issues in the storage room at Village Hall. Trustees had additional questions related to the bid a request for a representative to clarify the bid at the next meeting will be requested.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Mire noted the Candidates for Village Trustees and President were all turned in.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson:** Robertson mentioned interest by QC Visitors Bureau to use Schuler's Shady Grove for a future fishing tournament. The matter will be further discussed at the February 2021 meeting.

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY – Fowler:** Nothing to report currently.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Schnieder would like to look into additional technology to hold the Zoom meeting successfully.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

Mire once again thanked everyone who attended the meeting. With nothing further to be discussed, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting at 8:47p.m.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk