

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent - Schnieder

Others Physically Present – Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Barber, Billing Clerk Becht, Attorney Nick Mason

Virtually Present – Sarah Ford

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 02/09/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, 02/23/2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 03/2021 Monthly Bills and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber 02/2021. Barber noted garbage rates may need to be reviewed sooner rather than later as the SWAG Grant may no longer be available in the future. Rankin seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Tone: Report as presented. Mire thanked Chief Tone and Hampton Police Department as a whole for their service over the years. Tone stated April 11th, 2021 will be the 1year anniversary of Chief Terry Engle’s passing. At this time a proper service is being planned to honor Terry at the Heritage Center in Hampton. Once more details are available, he will share them with Rapids City.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Court date for the abandonment proceeding on the 17th Street property are set for tomorrow, March 10th, 2021. Clerk Housenga will contact Mason’s Office in the afternoon to get the outcome of the hearing.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report as presented. A certificate of appreciation from the Village of Rapids City will be given to the Fire Department for retiring Lt. Chief Mike Johnson to honor his time served with the department.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump explained he consulted outside sources about remote viewing of the water control panel. He will be able to view the panel remotely for approximately \$200.00 versus the \$1,000.00 as previously projected.

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

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Clark motioned to establish a 17th Street Rehabilitation Fund. Fiems seconded, all present board members voted yes, motion carries. Barber reminded everyone of the purpose of this Fund. Fiems motioned to transfer \$30,000.00 from line item 5267 to 5270 in the Street Department of the General Fund. Fowler seconded, all present board members, motion carries. Fiems motioned to use the funds from line item 5270 in the amount of \$60,000.00 to establish the 17th Street Rehabilitation Fund. Rankin seconded, all board members voted yes, motion passes. Fowler motioned to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund, Recreation Department, line item 5370 to the Dredging Fund, line item 4910; to transfer \$42,200.00 from Water Fund, line item 5123 to the Water System Maintenance Fund, line item 4810; to transfer \$5.36 General Fund to Water Fund; to transfer \$2.32 General Fund to Sewer Fund; to transfer \$42.45 Sewer Fund to Water Fund; finally, to transfer \$27.60 from Waste Fund to Water Fund. Clark seconded, all present board members voted yes, motion carries.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Bids from Todd’s Mudjacking in the amount of \$5,099.00, Absolutely Dry in the amount of \$14,200.00 and MidAmerician Basement Systems \$12,373.96 to correct the water issues in the storage room in Village Hall. Rankin did not feel the work described in the bid from Todd’s Mudjacking was the right fit for our needs. A GFI outlet to provide power for a sump pump would need to be installed by another vendor if MidAmerican Basement Systems were to complete the work. Robertson motioned to have MidAmerican Basement Systems perform work in the amount of \$12,373.96 to resolve water issues within Village Hall. Fowler seconded, all present board members voted yes, motion carries.

Robertson motioned to approve the purchase of a salt spreader from Aspen Equipment Co in the amount of \$7,140.88. Fowler seconded, all present board members voted yes, motion carries.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire noted the Consolidated Election is April 6th, 2021 and urged all Trustees and attendees to explain the sales tax question on the ballot to people in the village. Mire went on to explain in 2017 the projected cost of rehabbing and repairing 17th Street hill came in at \$400,000.00. Costs for 17th Street and 13th Street culvert could be helped paid by a sales tax increase. Early voting begins March 12th, 2021.

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

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY – Fowler: Fowler explained no Easter festivities are being planed this year. Active & Retired Military Personnel, Veterans & First Responders Luncheon is planned for Sunday, March 23rd 2021 from 11am to 2pm. The luncheon will be drive-thru style like the Senior Luncheon was in the fall. Fowler motioned to provide meal services for Active & Retired Military Personnel, Veterans & First Responders Luncheon event at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Fiems seconded, all present board members voted yes, motion passes. Community Clean-up event is tentatively set for Saturday, July 17th, 2021 from 9am to 12pm. Fowler is envisioning two pick up points for the event supplies, more details are to come.

OLD BUSINESS: Mire explained he has been in contact with Lynn Hunt from the Quad Cities Visitor's Bureau, the event planned for July 2021 looks to be going forward. Additional parking should be able to be provided at St. John's Church once proper documentation is received.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

Mire once again thanked everyone who attended the meeting. With nothing further to be discussed, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this March 9th, 2021 meeting at 7:43p.m.

Missy M. Housenga
Village; Clerk