

Mire convened this Regular Board meeting at 7:00p.m.

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

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Fiems, Fowler, Robertson, Rankin, Enloe, Schnieder

Absent – None.

Others Physically Present – Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Barber, Attorney Nick Mason, Captain Ron Erickson, Colin and Evelyn Batey, Kathy Saatizahn

Virtually Present – Julie Wildermuth, Anna Bippus, Sarah Ford, Kevin DeWalshe, Mary Beth Eggers

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 05/11/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, 06/2021 Monthly Bills and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber for 05/2021; Fiems seconded. All members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Kathy Saatizahn approached the board for their consideration of a hotel/motel tax. Saatizahn is wishing to establish her property as a vacation rental in the future and is financial planning. Mire explained the Village does not qualify for such a tax since we are not home rule.

Saathizahn also inquired upon the restrictions within the village for fireworks as her neighbor is using them to scare wildlife from his property. Currently the village does not have an ordinance prohibiting fireworks. Saatizahn was directed to log occurrences of general public nuisance situations and contact Rock Island County Sheriff’s Department for enforcement.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

POLICE REPORT: Report provided by Rock Island County Sheriff’s Department.

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

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Robertson motioned to approve the contract for service from Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000.00. Fowler seconded, all members voted yes, motion carries.

MSA Professional services provided correspondence reviewing the results of the bid opening for the Water Loop project that occurred earlier in the day. McClintock Trucking and Excavating bid the project at \$539,904.00 and Brandt Construction Company bid the project at \$843,239.50. MSA recommended the Village accept the bid even though the bid came in \$229,904.00 higher than previously predicted cost. After discussion Schnieder motioned to move forward with the McClintock bid of \$539,904.00 to complete the watermain extension after funding is secured. Rankin seconded the motion, all members voted yes, motion carries.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Enloe: Enloe reported 3 general and 1 plumbing permit was applied for last month.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY – Fowler: Fowler reported the results of the Veterans, First Responders, Active and Retired and Reserve Military Personnel Luncheon on May 23rd. More details are to come for the Community Clean-up event scheduled for July 17th, 2021.

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

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing additional to report at this time.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Schneider: Schnieder approved Wounded Warriors and Riverbend Food Bank a donation of \$100.00 each. Additional discussion will be needed but is to be conducted in the Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Anna Bippus introduced herself as a representative from the River Valley Library. Bippus expressed interest to working and engaging with the village on future projects. Kevin DeWalshe explained concerns of a shared driveway with the lot slated for the new Rapids City Fire Protection District Fire House and height of grass along Route 84 blocking line of sight of oncoming traffic. Mire recommended talking to RCFPD as the Department is their own entity. Clerk Housenga will contact IDOT to see about mowing of the grass.

With additional legal and new hire of an employee matters needing to be discussed Rankin motioned to enter a closed session at 7:53pm. Fowler seconded the motion, all Board members concurred.

Mire reconvened this open session at 8:29pm letting it be known no votes were taken during executive/closed session.

It was established, Fiems, Fowler, Robertson, Rankin, Enloe, Schnieder, Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, Attorney Nick Mason were physically present. Virtually present individuals included Julie Wildermuth, Sarah Ford, Mary Beth Eggers.

Mire told Clerk Housenga to pay for tree removal completed today.
Mire also announce Bump will be hiring Applicant # 04-27-2021 at the rate of \$24.00/hour with current compensation plan subject to these stated in the employee handbook.

Mire also made not of the thank you received from the Becht/Soots family for the plant.

With nothing further to discuss Rankin motioned to conclude this Regular Board Meeting at 8:32pm. Schnieder seconded, all members of the Board concurred.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk