

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:05p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Physically Present – Rankin, Fowler, Schnieder, Robertson, DeMarlie and Fiems

Absent – Schneider

Others Physically Present – Attorney Mason, Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, Mike Housenga, Donna Taka, Attorney Nick Mason, Sherriff Hart, Officer Braud, Brian Boelk – Axiom Consultants.

Others Virtually Present – Mary Aguilar 7:12pm, Skylar Hall 7:15pm, Kate 7:15pm, Britney McCarthy 7:15pm, Sarah Fisher 7:18pm, Sarah Ford 7:20pm

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Rankin motioned to approve 11/14/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, 12/2022 Monthly Bills totaling \$86,766.03 and Treasure’s Report 11/2022; Fiems seconded. All present members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Mire noted Ms. Wurster canceled her appearance for this evening’s meeting.

Donna Taka of It’s A Love Thing Ministries addressed the Board requesting a weekly rental of the Community Center at no charge for the period of January 4<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 8pm, hosting free-flow wellness dance and sound bath for the adults and seniors as public event. It’s A Love Thing is a non-profit ministry. Taka also requested notice of Wednesday Wellness Night be advertised on the website and Facebook page. Per Attorney Mason a liability waiver needs in place prior to conducting classes to indemnify the Village of Rapids City. Mire also informed Taka of the snow cancelation policies.

Brian Boelk of Axiom Consultants updated the Board on the history and progress of engineering and phasing of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Project. At this time the projected costs of replacing the roadway, adding new storm drainage and replacing water main from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue A to 418 17<sup>th</sup> Street is between 1.1 and 1.3 million dollars. Boelk is wishing to bid the project with a base bid and then asking for an alternate bid in hopes to obtain the best pricing available for the desired effect. Boelk is not expecting grant funds to be applicable at this stage of planning, but maybe possible for future phases of replacement of 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Bidding notice is expected to be released on or about January 10<sup>th</sup> with submissions on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The project to be wrapped up by fall of 2023.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Mire noted an email requesting the Village to consider an AED to be added to the Community Center and training for CPR to be held in the Community Center. This matter will be addressed during budget meetings.

Garbage rates will be addressed at a later date.

Dates for budget meetings were established, 2023/2024 Budget Planning Meeting – Infrastructure, Public Works, Water, Sewer and Waste Management will be held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023/2024 Budget Planning Meeting – Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Public Safety and Public Relations will be held February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023/2024 Budget Planning Meeting – Personnel and Finance will be held March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023/2024 Budget Planning Meeting – Rough Draft will be held April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023/2024 Budget Reading and Passage will be held April 18<sup>th</sup>. All the budget planning meetings will be held at 6pm.

Additionally, the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>. A notice will be published in the paper and posted in the appropriate places for all meetings.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report as presented. Mire thanked the Sherriff’s Department and Officer Pucket for their assistance in Santa Coming to Town event in December.

**ATTORNEY – N. Mason:** Mason reviewed the draft of the Planning and Zoning Commission request forms and ordinance, indicating all looked good.

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Report reviewed as provided. Mire thanked the Department and all the volunteers for their assistance in Santa Coming to Town event in December adding it was a huge success.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bump gave an oral report. The water tower issues are not resolved, trouble shooting by outside vendors has occurred. But a resolution has not been identified. Estimates to repair have come in at around \$50,000.00.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** Rankin noted a meeting occurred with Phoenix Corp, MSA, Public Works Director Bump, Mire, and Clerk Housenga concerning the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert Replacement. Construction is set to start late February/early March weather dependent. Rankin stated no new updates were provided on the Waterloo Project. FEMA has provided notice of study concerning Barber Creek and the Mississippi River. Each Board member is to review the provided letter and express any concerns to Clerk Housenga prior to deadline outlined in the letter.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson:** Robertson briefed the Board of a notice received concerning the trust that is maintained by Central Bank in Geneseo. The fees for maintenance of the trust will be increasing in 2023, annually it is estimated that the fees will be inflated by \$70.00 per year. Robertson also noted the driveway through the cemetery needs to be replaced. Bump will obtain pricing for budget meetings. Robertson reported that an email was received concerning a possible hazard on the recreational trail, which so happens to be a saw line in the concrete. It has been identified that the possible hazard is located in the middle of the path with a yellow dotted line indicating 2 lanes for 2 directions of traffic and signage that states to keep right. Robertson noted that if proper lane usage is practiced and signage is followed then notice of possible hazard has been given. Bump will fill the saw joint in the spring when weather permits.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler:** Fowler requested pricing be obtained to bury power lines along 12<sup>th</sup> Street to avoid power outages. Discussion took place and it was noted that costs are estimated around \$100,000.00. When MidAmerican conducts tree trimming the Village will request they look over the trees on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to see if it would be advantageous for them to trim those trees back.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Fiems:** Fiems presented an ordinance amendment and forms to be used for planning & zoning requests. The amendment addresses cost for a request, notice of hearing for requests, procedure, and appeals. The forms create a more concise procedure for requests to be processed. Robertson motioned to pass an ordinance which amends Title IX, Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 2.4 and 2.5 insertion of 2.6 of the Zoning Ordinance and implementation of use of provided forms, Fowler seconded the motion. All board members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Schneider:** Schnieder motioned to approve a Christmas bonus for Bump, Hoodjer, Meier, Barber and Housenga in the amount of \$250.00. Rankin seconded the motion. All board members voted yes, motion passes.

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

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – DeMarlie:** DeMarlie reported five general construction permits and four plumbing permits were issued last month.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mire read thank you notes received for donations and for the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon. Mire thanked all who organized and volunteered for the Senior Luncheon. Schneider noted that no parking signs need to added to Route 84 in front of Git N Go. Bump has talked to the State, they will not be adding signage as they state it is not needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rankin motioned to authorize repairs to the boat dock approach not to exceed \$6000.00. The repairs are being made to avoid damage to personal property for those that are using the dock. Schnieder seconded the motion. All present members voted yes, motion passes.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

With nothing further to discuss Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting, Rankin seconded the motion. All Board Members of the Board concurred. President Mire closed this Regular Board Meeting at 8:37pm.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk