

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

**Roll Call:**

Physically Present – Rankin, Fowler, Fiems and Robertson

Absent – DeMarlie, Schneider

Others Physically Present – Captain Ron Erickson, Attorney Nick Mason, Treasurer Barber, Ryan Bump, Clerk Housenga, Brian Boelk of Axiom Consultants, Sharon Lefever (left at 7:53pm), Greg Kerner (left at 8:22pm)

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Robertson motioned to approve 08/08/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, 08/30/2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, 09/2023 Monthly Bills totaling \$338,342.54 and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber for 08/2023; Fiems seconded. All board members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Mire noted Bill and Donna Green were scheduled to appear but could not make it this evening. Mire explained the Greens were coming to discuss the parking situation at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Route 84. As previously discussed, the current tenant of the building has been asked several times not to allow parking of SUVs and trucks in the front of the building as it does impede the line of sight for oncoming traffic on Route 84. Mire and Captain Erikson agreed that legally parking in front of the building is not in violation of any laws. Mire then elaborated that the Greens could possibly call the Illinois State Police to lodge a complaint as Route 84 is within the State Police jurisdiction. Clerk Housenga will follow up the Greens.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Nothing to report.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report as presented.

**ATTORNEY – N. Mason:** Mason will be following up with Stearns’ Attorney as he has not received a notarized copy of the new easement agreement as to date. Once received he will get it filed at Rock Island County.

Mason also gave notice that he will remain the Village Attorney through the remainder of the year but would need to resign effective January 2024. Mason stated he would assist Clerk Housenga to publishing notices seeking new council. Mire stated he would like to have all bids for interested parties in by November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and would like to discuss as a Board at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Report reviewed as provided.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Report as presented.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** Rankin explained the corrected Change Order # 6 for 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$12,328.03 presented, at the August 2023 meeting the original Change Order # 6 stated an amount of \$12,283.03 in one section of the document but in another section the amount of \$12,328.03. The error was discovered after the August meeting, tentatively Mire approved the difference of \$45.00 but wanted to have it on record for transparency.

Rankin motioned to approve Change Order # 7 for 13<sup>th</sup> Street Project in an amount decrease of \$6,922.04. Fiems seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

At the previous meeting the board requested Clerk Housenga make a claim to MidAmerican Energy for the sewer line that was hit during the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Project. The total claim amount was \$12,473.03 which covered the repairs to the sewer line made by Phoenix Corporation and port-a-potty that was provided to Mrs. Kinkade. Mire tentatively approved the release from MidAmerican to ensure the claim was carried through on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Fowler motioned to approve the release for property damage from MidAmerican Energy and reimbursement of \$12,473.03 which covers all charges associated with the repairs. Rankin seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Pay Application # 2 in the amount of \$424,268.75 less the 5% retainage was presented for approval for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Rankin motioned to approve a payout of \$403,055.31 to Centennial Contractors for Pay Application # 2 for work completed on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Fiems seconded the motion; all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve the payout of \$11,240.00 for engineering services by Axiom Consultants on the 17<sup>th</sup> Street project, invoice # 5213. Fiems seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Fiems motioned to approve invoice # 5211 for mapping of the water main and sanitary sewer in the amount of \$1,850.00 from Axiom Consultants. Fowler seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve invoice # 123477 in the amount of \$3,984.10 to Miller Trucking and Excavating for charges related to water main repairs on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

Maguire Iron provided a report related to the water tower inspections conducted. Known issues/concerns included: protective paint/coating on the tower had deteriorated, overflow screen which needed to be replaced and has already been remedied. Bump stated the main trunk needs to be painted as currently bare metal is exposed. Bump will gather pricing to present at budget meetings for next fiscal year.

Mire gave an update as he is still trying to seek authorization to use our MFT funds obtained for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Representative Ryan Spain's office is attempting to help with getting authorization. Mire has been attempting to get a meeting with Win Stoller's office but has been unsuccessful.

Engineering plans and cost estimate were presented by Axiom Consultants for a flood wall around the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Lift Station. The cost to construct the flood wall and materials is estimated at \$63,470.00. Mire would like to discuss further at future budget meetings for FY2024/2025 but go out for bud for this project in spring of 2024.

Axiom provided invoice # 5212 in the amount of \$1,310.00 for engineering design of the flood wall which Rankin motioned to approve for payment. Robertson seconded the motion; all present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson:** Robertson motioned to approve amending the Cemetery Ordinance, Section 3 – 3.3 to read “The price of a single grave lot will be at the cost of \$500.00 effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. At the beginning of each fiscal year the price of a single lot will increase by \$50.00.” Fiems seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler:** Trick or Treating times for Halloween will be from 5pm to 7pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Rock Island County Sheriff's Department will be dispersing treat bags and candy on Halloween from a Deputy vehicle throughout town.

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

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Schneider.** MidAmerican Energy is projected to donate \$500.00 once again this year for an item(s) that would benefit the community. Once again, the board agreed and would like to use this donation to pay for replacing Christmas banners along Route 84.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Nothing to report.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – DeMarlie:** 5 General Permits and 3 Plumbing Permits were issued last month.

**VIDEO GAMING – Robertson:** Mire noted Bill Ernst will be submitting plans for his remodel to accommodate video gaming at BP.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Greg Krener of Thai Towne Café presented a letter and depiction of how he would like to plan a parking lot for the business. Mire stated that Mr. Murphy, Chair Head of P&Z, and Mr. Dunbar, Building Inspector, have no issue with Kerner's plans indicating no need for a hearing. The board did make recommendations as to handling the angled parking. Kerner states he has talked with Big River Customs about arranging access to turn around in their lot rather than using resident driveways to turn around. Fowler suggested Kerner communicate with residents concerning his plans for the parking lot. Bump would like to see pilons around the fire hydrant. Fiems will be drafting an ordinance amendment to stipulate the terms of not replacing surface materials when underground utility work needs to be completed since the parking lot will be placed within the utility easement.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

With nothing further to discuss Robertson motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 8:23pm. Fowler seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk