

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent – None.

Others Physically Present – Sara Furguson, Sharon Lefever, Chalyn Fornero-Green, Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve 09/12/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, 10/2023 Monthly Bills totaling \$521,661.93 and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber for 09/2023; Robertson seconded. All board members voted yes, motion passes. Clerk Housenga noted the renewal for IML Risk Management Insurance was included in the bill listing.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Chalyn Fornero-Green requested a one-month reprieve of water service charges due to the number of boil orders and water related issues that related to the 17th Street Project. Clerk Housenga provided a copy of usage history from May, June, July and August 2022 and 2023 and average. Rankin motioned to provide water users on 7th Avenue, 7th Avenue A and water users from 7th Avenue A to Route 84 on 17th Street a one-time reprieve for the minimum monthly fee of \$30.00; the total number of water users to receive a credit will be 30. Fowler seconded the motion, all board members voted yes. Mire noted that this one-time reprieve is due to the number of issues related to this project and is not meant to set a precedence. Mrs. Green also requested the tree that was cut down for the project and left on her property be removed, indicating the tree had been laying on her property since June.

T.J. Francis was unable to attend the meeting. Clerk Housenga stated Mr. Francis, the Village President for Hillsdale, is working with Riverdale School District to put together Thanksgiving baskets for families in the district are in need. Schnieder authorized a \$100.00 donation to be issued for this cause. Clerk Housenga will reach out to T.J. Francis to finalize the donation.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Clerk Housenga provided a Tax Levy Worksheet detailing a rate of .568813 for the 2023 Tax Levy. This rate would provide a total levied amount of \$178,985.00. Discussion took place as to increasing the tax revenues. Clerk Housenga explained a truth in taxation hearing would need to be held to raise taxes beyond 4.99%. Schnieder motioned to pass the Tax Levy rate of .568813. Fowler seconded the motion, all board members voted to pass the rate.

Mire then read the presented 2023 Tax Levy which in summary will collect \$77,685.00 for the General Corporate Fund, \$26,000.00 for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, \$23,300.00, \$4,660.00 for Cemetery, \$8,320.00 for the Municipal Audit, \$22,930.00 for Liability Insurance, \$16,090.00 for the Social Security Fund, total levied funds of \$178,985.00. Robertson motioned to approve the presented 2023 Tax Levy with a total amount levied of \$178,985.00. Rankin seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: No Attorney present.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as provided.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Mire advised there are 4 trees in the cemetery that need to be cut down. Two of the trees, Mire states, Public Works can handle taking down. The other two trees were quoted to be removed by Coers Custom Hardwoods at \$1800.00 for one in the cemetery and the other tree needing at \$900.00, total cost of \$2,700.00. Mire will authorize the removal if no board member objects as they are a safety hazard and costs are within his spending limits.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin motioned to approve Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$26,011.29 for charges related to the 13th Street Culvert Project, work completed by Phoenix Corporation. Schnieder seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

Rankin motioned to authorize signature of the Completion and Acceptance of Work related to the 13th Street Project. Fiems seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve Axiom Consultants invoice #5283 in the amount of \$11,397.50 for engineering services provided in relation to the 17th Street Project. Robertson seconded the motion; all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve Change Order #2 related to importing of dirt for the 17th Street project by CCI, total for the change order is \$12,125.00. Fiems seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve Change Order #3 for the 17th Street Project, charges related to bedrock excavation for the watermain by CCI, change order amount \$28,772.25. Schnieder seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve Change Order #4 for the 17th Street Project, charges related to driveway removal and installation at the Stearns property, total cost \$ 19,902.00. Robertson seconded the motion, all members of the board voted yes, motion carries.

Rankin explained Phoenix expressed concerns with the drop of the driveway to their building and future cracking as the plans for construction are currently drawn, property owner Ellis also expressed similar concerns now that the road is complete on the east side of 17th Street. Mire authorized the Ellis driveway as the plans presented originally were not replacing as like for like. Mire asked all board members as to their opinion as to the replacement of Phoenix's driveway. All board members agreed the driveways needed to be replaced as they were in means of functionality. Additional change orders will be coming to rectify the driveways to remedy concerns as the replacement was not like for like as promised.

Rankin motioned to authorize invoice # 5284 for engineering by Axiom Consultants for a flood wall around the 14th Street Sewer Lift Station, invoice amount \$6,353.75. Robertson seconded the motion, all members of the board voted yes, motion carries.

Ranking motion to accept and approve the renewal of the hardware and software maintenance agreement for next year in the amount of \$4,112.08 presented by Ferguson Waterworks. Robertson seconded the motion, all members of the board voted yes, motion carries.

Rankin motioned to rescind the motion for parking on 17th Street for Thai Town Cafe as additional information concerning the depth of the watermain would be too shallow and could cause issues with freezing. Fiems seconded the motion, all members of the board voted yes. Motion carries.

Residents expressed concerns related to the 17th Street Project as to access and notice. The board reassured residents that reasonable notice will be given prior to action.

Resident Ferguson explained she was told by the engineer that a tree on her property was to be removed for the project and now she is being told it will not be. Ferguson is worried about the root system of the tree as a large portion of the roots will be removed for the project. Rankin motioned to remove the tree bordering properties with the addresses of 418 & 502 17th Street, contractor is to be chosen by the Village Public Works Director. Robertson seconded the motion, all members of the board voted yes. Motion carries.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler motioned to approve expenses related to the 2023 Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon not to exceed \$1,600.00. Schnieder seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

Ferguson and Lefever left the meeting at 8:38pm.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Fiems: Fiems prepared and presented an ordinance rough draft amendment for consideration pertaining to diagonal street parking. Discussion took place as to modifications to the amendment. Clerk Housenga will type a formal ordinance amendment to present at the November board meeting.

While modifying ordinances Schneider would like to amend the Beer and Liquor Ordinance removing the portion pertaining to signage of the businesses restricting use of the word "Bar".

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Schneider: Nothing to report at this time.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – DeMarlie: 7 General Permits and 3 Plumbing Permits were issued last month.

VIDEO GAMING – Robertson: Robertson noted one application for video gaming has been submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Housenga informed the board of an error in resident Bradshaw's utility bill. Bradshaw's water meter that was installed backwards therefore reading incorrectly. When billing came around incorrect consumptions were calculated. The total credit owed to Bradshaw is \$371.47 to correct the billing error. Mire would like to have a check issued to Bradshaw for the amount. Clerk Housenga will contact Bradshaw.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Chalyn Fornero – Green noted the Cordova Library will be holding a prescription drug take back event on October 28th, 2023 and encouraged everyone to take part.

Robertson publicly thanked Bukowsky Bros for removing a tree on the recreational trail at no charge.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 8:47pm. Rankin seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk