

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by Mayor Pre Tem Rankin at 6:30pm

Roll Call:

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

Absent – Polenske

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Ben Barber, Public Works Director Bump, Attorney Jim Zmuda, Nick Peschang, Angel Jacobs of MSA Professional Services, Donte Odoni of Odoni Partners, LLC.

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 03/13/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, 03/13/2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 03/31/2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 04/02/2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 04/2025 Monthly Bills totaling \$74,729.15 and Treasure’s Report for 03/2025; Fiems seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes. During Barber’s Treasurer’s report on the financial status of the funds, he explained a transfer of funds was needed to cover bills and payroll being paid out of the Water Operation Fund. Barber recommended transferring \$40,000.00 from the Water System Maintenance Fund to the Water Operation Fund to cover outgoing bills. The unexpected engineering costs tipped the water fund over the edge, therefore requiring a transfer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Dante Odoni of Odoni Partners LLC presented the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Audit. No audit findings were noted or found and the funds during the period were stable. Odoni stated he would recommend moving to a Cash Basis audit rather than an Accrual Audit as it is more transparent and easier to read for those that are not accountants, no changes in everyday business would be necessary but a policy would need to be adopted by the Board to convert to the different audit style. Odoni plans to report on the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Audit at the May 2025 Regular Board Meeting and will also be prepared to present a policy change as well. Robertson motioned to accept the presented FY2023 municipal audit as presented. Fowler seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

Angel Jacobs of MSA Professional Services presented an update of the SRF Information as it relates to rehabilitating the water tower. The PER required for the SRF application is almost complete, Bump will communicate with Conner to provide more data. Jacobs informed the Board that the Village does not qualify for loan forgiveness with current statistics. In the update the Board was presented with preliminary estimates on payback comparisons for the rehabilitation, utilizing a 20 year and 30-year repayment plans with the loan provided through the SRF Program at a rate of 1.81%.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Rankin had nothing to report for Mire.

POLICE REPORT: Report was presented. Rapids City has a new Deputy that will patrol and ensure safety.

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Nothing new to discuss, additional an update will be provided in closed session.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Reports as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump has been working on water tower issues since the water control panel is still awaiting arrival. Well #2 is not currently working as power wiring was jeopardized, Crawford Company has been working on identifying the issue and resolution.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Rankin has been in touch with East Moline concerning the last two months of sewer processing bills and is waiting on a call back. No resolution has been achieved on resolving the billing that is incorrect based on account history. The board directed Clerk Housenga to not pay the East Moline Sewer Processing bill until confirmation of calibration has been received.

Robertson explained Frontier’s equipment is in various stages of disrepair throughout the Village and needing maintenance as it could possibly considered a hazard. Clerk Housenga is to reach out to Frontier to get attention to the situation. Robertson will communicate the locations of the equipment to report to Frontier.

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

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$3,377.43.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday at Shadow Hill, Fowler invited all residents to join the event.

Veteran's and First Responders Luncheon is scheduled for May 15th, 2025. Fowler motioned to approve expenditures for the luncheon not to exceed \$1,600.00. Fiems seconded the motion, all present members voted yes, motion carries.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin: Reported 4 general permits, 1 plumbing and 1 new construction permits were issued last month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: Fiems motioned to approve interline item allocations as presented. Robertson seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes, motion carries.

Robertson motioned transferring from the Water System Maintenance account to Water Operation Fund a total of \$40,000.00 to pay operating costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Fiems seconded the motion, all present members voted yes, motion carries.

DeMarlie authorized a donation to TugFest in the amount of \$100.00.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: Budget meeting at 6pm on March 13th, 2025 to discuss personnel. Mire would like everyone to look at the Personal Time and Vacation time of the Handbook for employees as he would like to discuss further on Thursday.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

At this time Rankin requested to enter Closed Session to review Closed Session minutes and to receive an update on the legal case with McClintock. Fowler motioned to enter Closed Session and Fiems seconded the motion at 7:19pm

At 7:32pm Rankin reconvened this Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting. Rankin noted no votes or decisions were made in Closed Session. Rankin, Robertson, DeMarlie, Fowler and Fiems were present. Others present were Zmuda and Housenga.

Fiems motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from 01/30/2017, 01/09/2024 and 10/09/2024. DeMarlie seconded the motion, and all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

With nothing further to discuss, Robertson motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 7:33pm. Fiems seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk