

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:33pm

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Robertson, Fiems, Polenske and DeMarlie

Absent – Peschang, Fowler

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Attorney Arthur Eggers, Lt. Adam Mosely, Chad Johnson of USD Water Solutions, Public Works Director Bump, Corey Fulton, Steve Ebel, Nicole Dopler-Reiman

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve 10/14/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, 11/2025 Monthly Bills totaling \$132,362.31 and Treasure’s Report for 10/2025; Polenske seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Chad Johnson of USD Water Solutions introduced himself and gave a presentation on water tower rehab and maintenance program. Johnson states all water tank maintenance portions of his services are compatible with the SRF Funding program. Currently, USD Water Solutions works in many neighboring communities like Rock Island, Savanna, East Moline, Morrison, Princeton, along with other villages and cities in Illinois. Mire requested all printed documents provided by Johnson at this meeting be emailed to the Clerk for distribution to the Trustees and Attorneys for review. Bump is to discuss the presented information with MSA Professional Services to seek their opinion. This matter will be further discussed at the December 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire asked Clerk Housenga to provide an updated the board as to the progress of the audits. Housenga stated she had a video conference conversation today with two individuals with Lauderbach and Amen to prepare for completion of the FY2024 audit. Pertinent documents required for the audit have already been completed and uploaded for Lauderbach and Amen. Documentation was sent to Odoni Partners to obtain and share FY 2023 audit materials with Lauderbach and Amen. There have been no correspondence received from Odoni Partners to date. Lauderbach and Amen will be coming to the office to gather information and documents to conduct the FY2024 audit on Thursday and Friday, November 20th and 21st. No additional contact from the Comptroller’s Office has been made or received.

Mire reviewed with the board portions of his fall newsletter sent with the utility bills last week. Three town hall meetings will be hosted by Mire to address the Police Referenda Question with the residents that will be on the March ballot. Mire invited the board members and made it a point to note that these meetings will not be board meetings but as citizens they are welcome to attend. The meetings will only be informative and to give the residents the information they need to make an informed decision on the ballot item.

Mire then moved on to address the police protection referenda ordinance and Certification of Ballot topic. The question and ordinance would allow for the Village to tax the police protection portion of the tax levy for the Village portion only to increase to 0.60% from 0.075%. Mire read the full prepared ordinance and Certification of Ballot. After discussion and expression of concerns over wording of the question to be added to the ballot it was determined by the board to allow the Village Attorneys to verify verbiage for the ballot question. This matter will be discussed at the December 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

POLICE REPORT: No report was presented

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Nothing new to discuss.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: Polenske updated the board of the meeting held between herself, Fiems and Bump concerning the area of our property near the boat dock at Schuler’s Shady Grove, that a neighboring resident took down trees that were not on his property but ours, which was discover as ours after a survey was conducted. The board

requested a letter be sent to the neighboring property owner requesting to clear the piles of debris left behind as they could be considered a possible flooding hazard. Bump did reach out to the district forester who recommended planting 15-30 saplings or 3-6 container trees, information was provided to Bump as to the ways to obtain such trees and recommended species of trees to plant. The letter sent is to indicate the clean-up of debris from our property, quantity of trees needed and species preference, as well as a timeline to cure each step. Proof of insurance and bonding needs to be proved by the firm provided prior to work being started. After the letter is drafted it is to be sent to the Village Attorneys for review prior to delivery to the neighboring property owner.

While visiting the boat dock area Polenske, Fiems and Bump noticed a tree that is leaning hard toward our public park bathrooms at Schuler's Shady Grove. The tree could be deemed a hazard as village property could be damaged if the tree were to fall. Fiems motioned to remove the tree at Shuler's Shady Grove by Coers Custom Hardwoods at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. Robertson seconded the motion. All present board members voted yes, motion carries.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$3,813.37.

Mire once again noted the 2025 Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon to be held on November 19th, 2025, with the catering to be done by Smokin Butt BBQ.

Mire has also coordinated with the Rapids City Fire Protection District to have Santa driven around town on December 13th, 2025. Mire will be reaching out to the Sheriff's Department to provide a police escort during the event. Clerk Housenga is to purchase hot cocoa, candy canes and chocolate kisses for Santa to distribute.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Peschang: Clerk Housenga reported for Peschang the permit log for the month of October 2025, 3 general permits, 0 new construction and 1 plumber permits were issued.

Clerk Housenga briefed the board of the specifics of a Planning and Zoning request from Carrie & Rick Riley for the property located at 1620 1st Avenue, PIN# 0902102015. The request is to rezone from R-1 to R-2 for the purpose of using a home they currently own as a short-term rental unit. The Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation to pass the rezoning of 1620 1st Avenue, Rapids City, IL. No protests to the request were received from abutting property owners. Mr. Corey Fulton appeared at the Planning and Zoning Hearing to express his concerns and appeared today to do the same. Fulton recommended adding to the ordinance a minimum rental number of days under the definition of short-term rental. Mr. Steve Ebel expressed concerns about crime encroaching on the neighborhood by allowing this type of activity. Board members would like to have Legal Counsel explore probational or conditional zoning changes. This matter was tabled until the December 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: MidAmerican Energy is granting our municipality with a \$500.00 grant for items that would benefit the community. The board unanimously decided to use the money for new swings for the park.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: Fiems reviewed with the board a medical insurance renewal proposal for employees Bump, Meier and Housenga. A question of which providers are covered by each provider quoted is being sought from Lohman Companies via email, but no response has been received as of yet. This matter was tabled until the December 2025 meeting until more information can be provided.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing additional to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Housenga reminded everyone of the date change for the November 2025 Regular Board Meeting to Monday, November 10th, 2025.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The Fimes motioned to adjourn this regular board meeting at 8:56pm. DeMarlie seconded the motion. All other board members agreed.

Missy M. Housenga

Village Clerk