

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:30pm

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Peschang, Fowler, Fiems, Robertson, Polenske and DeMarlie

Absent – Mire

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Barber, Public Works Director Bump, Attorney Zmuda, Deputy Hankins

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 02/10/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, 03/2026 Monthly Bills totaling \$108,583.65 and Treasure’s Report for 02/2026; Fowler seconded. All board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Walters was not presented due to the impending weather. Clerk Housenga presented a resolution related to the IL EPA SRF Loan process titled Authorization of a Loan Application’s Authorized Representative to Sign PWSLP Loan Application Documents, the resolution will allow President Mire as the named authorized agent for the Village of Rapids City. DeMarlie motioned to name President Harold Mire Jr. as the Authorized Representative for the purpose of the loan requirement by the IL EPA. Peschang seconded the motion. All board members were in agreeance, motion carries.

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

POLICE REPORT: No report was presented.

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Nothing new to add at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump gave an update concerning a home outside of village limits connecting to the municipal water system. An ordinance was presented for review to approve a non-residential rate for water serviced. The ordinance will be presented for vote at the next regular board meeting for approval.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Robertson had nothing new to report at this time but did add that he feels with this next fiscal year budget meetings planned that repairs to the streets should be budgeted.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: The property located near the boat dock was cleaned up recently. We will be waiting for the property owner to contact us for tree planting to replace the trees removed from our property.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$3,643.04.

Fowler reminded everyone about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 28th, 2026.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Peschang: Peschang reported 2 general permits, and 1 new construction permit were issued in the previous month.

Housenga reported a current video gaming licensee applied to add an additional machine to their establishment. Mire has approved the additional machine, which will be installed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: Utility Billing software by Central Square renewal was motioned to be approved by DeMarlie in the amount of \$2,273.62. Fowler seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: Nothing to report at this time.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Peschang motioned to approve the transfer of \$25,000.00 from the Water System Maintenance Fund to the Water Operation Fund. The transfer is to cover the bills received from MSA Professional Services for the water system design and engineering. DeMarlie seconded the motion. All board members voted yes, motion carries.

Robertson motioned to enter Closed Session to review closed session minutes. Polenske seconded the motion at 6:54pm. Closed session will begin after a five-minute recess.

Open Session resumed at 7:07pm. Those in attendance were Fiems, Robertson, Polenske, DeMarlie, Fowler, Peschang, Attorney Zmuda and Clerk Housenga. No votes were taken during closed session. DeMarlie motioned to release closed session minutes from 06-08-2021, 04-05-2023, 11-25-2024, 11-25-2024, 03-11-2025, and 04-08-2025. Polenske seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

With nothing further to discuss, Fowler motioned to adjourn this regular board meeting at 7:10pm. DeMarlie seconded the motion. All other board members agreed.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk