

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent – None

Others Physically Present – Housenga, Attorney Arthur Eggers, Treasurer Barber, Kathy Sattizahn, Kathy Peschang

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from 06/09/2026, Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 06/15/2026, June monthly bills in the amount of \$112,563.57; and the June 2026 Treasurer’s Report prepared by Barber. Fiems seconded the motion; all board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Mire requested to know what this issue is about from Ms. Sattizahn as she did not disclose her topic of interest for the agenda. Mire reiterated that he has recused himself from any discussions related to 1600 1st Avenue A, therefore wanting to know if the matter needed to be passed to Mayor Pro-Tem Fiems. Ms. Sattizahn stated the topic she is inquiring about is the cause for the investigation into the intent of the use of her property. Mire passed the matter over to Mr. Fiems to handle as this is related to the property at 1600 1st Avenue A. Fiems requested Ms. Sattizahn address all concerns and questions to him. Fiems also informed Sattizahn that an unknown issue will not be sufficient for a topic on an agenda; the Village Board cannot prepare for a knowledgeable discussion if an unknown issue is on the agenda. Fiems elaborated an issue or topic brought up at this meeting will not be acted on tonight as the board did not have time to prepare, but documentation of the discussion will be recorded in the minutes. Fiems provided three (3) minutes for Sattizahn to address her issue. Sattizahn requested answers for three (3) questions. 1.) Wants to know who protested her building permit application for 1600 1st Avenue A? 2.) Wants to know what the protest was in regard to? 3.) Was the protest in person or in writing? Sattizahn added that the board requested a warning of the topic that was to be discussed, but when Sattizahn talked with Clerk Housenga to request to be on the agenda that Housenga requested the topic and Sattizahn pointed out there was not a topic on the June 2026 agenda for her. Clerk Housenga announced in the meeting there was a topic for Sattizahn on the June 2026 agenda as she went back and looked at the previous agenda after their discussion; Sattizahn stated she would not argue the point. Sattizahn states there was a hypocrisy of requesting a warning as her previous request for R-2 zoning at her current residence was met with a surprise as approximately 19 protests to her plans were presented at her planning and zoning hearing in 2021 that she was not prepared to meet. She states that the residents that were in the protest were misinformed and lied to. Sattizahn believes the village set in motion the protests to her business plans. Mire questioned Fiems if Sattizahn’s comments were related to her current property under construction, because the recusal was only for the 1600 1st Avenue A property? Mire stated if there are concerns over her current dwelling then he would take back the meeting and address those questions and concerns. Sattizahn confirmed she was referencing the property at 1814 1st Avenue. Fiems passed the gavel and meeting back to Mire once confirmation of topic discussion was confirmed. Fiems noted that all allegations and opinions are those of Sattizahn as none of her allegations are provable or carries substance. Fiems’ opinion of Sattizahn is that she is confrontational, argumentative and rude. Fiems feels Sattizahn has conversations with someone to get ammunition to have a confrontation at their next conversation, which is just a waste of time for this board. Robertson and Fowler agreed with Fiems’ statement. Mire is tired of harsh and false remarks that are damaging to his and others’ reputations, any personal or business discussions he has had with Sattizahn and has only followed advice of legal counsel, when necessary, he is tired of being Sattizahn’s whipping boy. Mire circled back around to the concerns initially addressed in this meeting as her questions pertained to 1814 1st Avenue. Per previous legal counsel Sattizahn was not to be allowed to speak at her planning and zoning hearing in 2021 pertaining to 1814 1st Avenue as her request was met with objections in excess of the limitations set forth in the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Further, the Planning and Zoning Commission was not to act as her request was to be automatically dismissed as the number of protests that were received, but Mire still gave Sattizahn the opportunity to let her talk at the hearing. All posted meeting minutes online reflect facts related to Sattizahn’s questions therefore Mire referred to her to those minutes to answer her questions. Sattizahn referred to the 2021 planning and zoning meeting which at one point she brought up a rumor that alleged that Sattizahn was a lesbian. Mire at that time told Sattizahn it was no one’s business and recommended she stop talking about the subject, at which Sattizahn did not take heed. Clerk Housenga did not document that discussion as it was not pertinent to the meeting topic and as noted a rumor. Clerk Housenga verified the meeting minutes from April 22nd, 2021 are in fact

online and available for inspection. Mire, Housenga and Fiems recommended Ms. Sattizahn file a formal FOIA request for any and all inquiries for information with the Clerk going forward, the form can be found online at www.rapidscity.us.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire is currently reviewing other cities ordinances and policies for meeting attendees wanting to address the board to help build a platform for our Village. Fiems agreed and explained his previous experience with other boards.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Eggers had nothing new to add.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Robertson explained there needed to be additional bids for replacement of the second air-conditioning unit in the Community Center. There was one bid presented but the board wanted two additional for comparison.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: Polenske had nothing new to report. Mire explained to the board about damage done to the slide at Riverbend Park during the 4th of July. Pricing is being sawt for replacement of the slide.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$3,966.75.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Peschang: Peschang reported 6 general, 2 plumbing and 1 new construction permits were issued in the previous month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: Nothing to discuss at this time.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: IML Conference is being held again in September. Fiems motioned for Clerk Housenga and one trustee, Peschang, to attend the IML Conference with hotel accommodation, transportation and meals at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Polenske seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Sattizahn wanted clarification if there were an answer to her questions at the next meeting. Fiems explained to her that if there are further information to address at the next meeting it would be discussed but believes Sattizahn can submit a request for information as previously stated. Sattizahn then stated she is looking for answers from the most recent issue not from 2019. Sattizahn is now stating the three questions she asked earlier were in reference to 1600 1st Avenue A. Mire then stated the minutes online should be able to answer Sattizahn's questions. Mire tried to add that the revocation of the building permit was led based upon what occurred and the attorney's investigated but during the explanation K. Peschang explained Sattizahn was recording the meeting on her personal device. Per Attorney Eggers disclosure of recording is mandated. Per Eggers stated any illegal recording may be reported by Police and States Attorney's. Mire told Sattizahn that she could have requested a copy of the recording and did not have to be deceptive. Sattizahn stated she was not trying to be deceptive, which most board members disagreed with. After being asked to stop recording Sattizahn continued to record the meeting. Mire stated he did not consent to being recorded by Sattizahn. Fiems also noted he did not consent to being recorded. Mire asked Sattizahn to remove herself from this meeting because our legal counsel advised us of the State of Illinois law. Sattizahn voluntarily left the meeting at 7:03pm.

Robertson wanted to circle back to the air conditioning unit in the community center. After discussion Robertson motioned to replace the air conditioning unit in the community center in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 after additional bids have been reviewed by Bump and Mire. Fowler seconded the motion, all board members voted yes. (Disclaimer: Sattizahn has had a Planning and Zoning Hearing for 1600 1st Avenue A, Rapids City on October 22, 2019, which was presented to the Board of Trustees during a Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 23, 2019. A Planning and Zoning Hearing was also held on April 22nd, 2021 for the property located at 1814 1st Avenue A, and brought to the Board of Trustees at the Regular Board Meeting held on May 11th, 2021.)

NEW BUSINESS: None.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this regular board meeting at 7:06pm. Peschang seconded the motion. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk