Village of Rapids City
October 13th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
Rock Island, County, Illinois

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

Roll Call:
Physically Present – DeMarlie, Polenske, Peschang, Fiems, Robertson, Fowler,
Absent – None.
Others Physically Present – Housenga, Rock Island County Deputy, Treasurer Barber, Kathy Sattizahn, Chad Johnson, Kathy Peschang, Kathy Sattizahn
Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from 09/08/2026, October 2026 monthly bills in the amount of $94,496.35; and the 09/2026 Treasurer's Report prepared by Barber. Fiems seconded the motion; all board members voted yes, motion passes. Barber is still concerned about the Sewer Fund in relation to the expense of the sewer processing billing.

VENDORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Chad Johnson of USG Water addressed the board once again to review options available for water tower rehab. Johnson states he can save the village one million dollars over the next ten years with a proactive maintenance program which he reviewed with the board. Mire asked Johnson, Robertson and Bump to schedule a meeting to review the options so all parties can gain a greater grasp of the program prior to the next board meeting and report back with Johnson at the next meeting.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire read a prepared Resolution to requesting a reduction of speed limit on 12th Street which falls within the jurisdiction and maintained by Rock Island County Highway Department. The board voted five to one in favor of the resolution. Fiems voted to pass the Resolution for the Alteration of Speed Limit, Fowler seconded the motion; motion carries.

Mire will be drafting a newsletter to be mailed with the November 2026 billing statements.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Nothing to report.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump noted riprap for the 17th Street hillside has been delivered and once ground hardens the Public Works Department place it in the appropriate locations. 14th Street culvert is also on their radar to dredge and jet out to allow proper water flow.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Clerk Housenga asked all trustees and audience members to download and use the Recycle Coach App before rolling it out to all the residents and to give feedback. Recycle Coach will tell users when recycling collection, regular garbage collection, yard waste and large item collection will occur as well as direct the users what products can be recycled and how to dispose of other products.

I80 Bridge meeting is scheduled for October 14th, 2026 in LeClaire from 3-6pm and is open to the public.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: Nothing new to report by Polenske.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Video gaming revenue for last month was $3,710.85 for the village share.

Fowler also noted Halloween event will be on October 31st from 5-7:30pm. Fowler motioned to donate $250.00 to the Rapids City Fire Protection District for their event and to purchase a total of $400.00 in candy for the Village and Sheriff's Department to hand out. Polenske seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion passes.

Fowler also announced the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon is to be held on November 19th, 2026 from 11am to 1:30pm. Fowler motioned for expenses not to exceed $2,000.00 for the event. Fiems seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Peschang: Peschang reported 9 general, and 1 plumbing permit issued last month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: DeMarlie noted a rebate for medical insurance was received from United Health Care for the policy year 2025.

The board agreed to use a community donation from MidAmerican Energy in the amount of $500.00 to use toward the fixing of the flagpole at Village Hall.

DeMarlie reminded everyone of the Truth in Taxation Hearing on October 19th, 2026 at 6pm.

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

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: Kathy Sattizahn addressed inquired about how closed sessions work with audience members, Mire explained how she will be asked to exit the room and will be flagged back into the building when open session resumes.

Sattizahn also wanted to put to bed the animosity towards her and this board as there have been discussions about her with others, not on this board or in the room that have been negative about her property intentions. She states she is tired of being slandered.

Mire then entertained a motion to enter Closed Session to review Closed Session Minutes, which Robertson motioned. Peschang seconded the motion, all board members concurred. All audience members vacated the building at 7:36pm.

At 7:49pm Mire resumed the Regular Board Meeting after allowing Sattizahn time to enter the building. Through roll call it was determined Robertson, Polenske, DeMarlie, Fowler Peschang were in attendance along with Attorney Zmuda, Clerk Housenga and Sattizahn. Mire made note no votes or decisions were made during closed session.

Fowler motioned to release closed session minutes from July 12th, 2022, March 14th, 2023, January 14th, 2025, June 16th, 2025, March 10th, 2026. Fiems seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this regular board meeting at 7:51pm. Fowler seconded the motion. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board.

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Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk