

**April 9, 2013**

Village of Rapids City  
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Rankin at 7:00p.m.

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present - Corson, Hemm (7:02p.m), Schneider, Bird, and Dopler.

Absent – Marybeth Eggers.

Also Present –Clerk Price, Ryan Bump, Attorney Fuller, Sarah Ford, Doug DeBlaey, Don Clark, Steve Haring, Tara Moffitt(Brooks Attorney), Missy Housenga, Officer Wiley, C.J. Brooks, and Curt Brooks.

A quorum was established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Dopler motioned to approve 3/12/13 minutes, 3/26/13 Committee of the Whole minutes, 3/13 Treasurer’s Report, 4/2/13 Personnel Meeting minutes, and 4/13 bills/Bird seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**PRESIDENT-Rankin:** The city received a thank you from Ann’s Helping Hand for the donation. We received a letter from MSA reminding the village to start thinking about street repair and our MFT funds. Mediacom will be raising rates for local stations net change is \$2.63 and family cable change is \$4.63.

**POLICE REPORT - Chief Fuller:** Report as presented.

**FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey:** Report as presented.

**ATTORNEY - Fuller:** Fuller advised to go into closed session under section 2 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation and the sale of lot 196.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Schneider motioned to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and the sale of lot 196 /Dopler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Rankin said that the full board and Missy Housenga were to stay. Everyone else was excused at this time and could return when the board moved into open session. The board moved into close session at 7:07p.m.

\*At 7:25p.m the board returned to open session. Dopler motioned/Schneider seconded to return to open session. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Rankin stated that there was nothing voted on in closed session. It was strictly informational.

**BUILDING & ZONING –Hemm:** 2 permits. Steve Haring with MSA thanked the board for the opportunity to work on the IKE Grant project. He reminded the board the money is not for repair, it is strictly for planning and study. The draft contract was sent to Rankin, Price, and Linda Bowen for review. There were a few concerns that are being addressed. The village will receive the revised contract for review this week. The grant is for \$75,000. The planning fee to MSA is \$57,000 with the additional \$18,000 is intended toward securing cleaning and televising the sewer lines. Corson motioned to give Rankin the authority to sign off of the contract once it is reviewed by the village attorney/Dopler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**CEMETERY –Eggers:** No report.

**ELECTIONS –Rankin:** Today is Election Day.

**FINANCE -Corson:** Price will have the Appropriation Ordinance and Budget ready to pass at the May 14, 2013 meeting.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Eggers:** No report.

**PARKS & RECREATION –Dopler:** Corson motioned to proceed with the purchase of the playground equipment and timbers in the amount of \$17,300/Schneider seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. The mulch will be purchased by Bump at a later date. The adult equipment will be revisited at a later time.

**PERSONNEL –Corson:** No report.

**PLANNING –Bird:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY Bird:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS –Hemm:** No report.

**SEWER –Schneider:** The sewer numbers are up as expected from the rain.

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**WASTE MANAGEMENT – Dopler:** Dopler reported that the village had a successful E-waste drop off day.

**WATER –Schneider:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Tara Moffitt/C.J. Brooks Attorney believes that the previous minutes with the River Bend 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition has been vacated with the approval of the minutes today. They are requesting that the board sign the vacation of the plat as presented today. Fuller said that the January 14 vote was the action that the board took. The ordinance required that a written instrument be signed within 60 days and recorded. The minutes have nothing to do with the action of the board. Now lot 196 is sale pending. When we vacate the plat, the streets are gone. We can't sell the lot without providing access to that lot. Brooks are willing to provide an access if necessary. Fuller proposes the board table this for now. Fuller will contact Attorney Lee concerning the sale of lot 196 and ask for a response within 7 days. We will have a Special Meeting on April 23. If the vote goes through and the board has the written instrument, the board will sign it at that time. The written instrument will have to have the access on it. It is Moffitt's opinion the 60 days doesn't start until March 13 when the board revised the minutes. Fuller stated she doesn't feel the lot can be sold before the vacation of the plat which has the knowledge this is going to be the access. Fuller recommends that the board hold off and if we close, it will be after the April 23 meeting. A Special Meeting is set for April 23, 2013 at 7 p.m. We will do our best to get this settled.

With nothing further to be discussed Bird motioned/Hemm seconded and President Rankin adjourned this April 9, 2013-regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK