

Village of Rossville
Police, Health & Safety Committee Meeting
October 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.

A quorum was established as Chairman Black and Trustees Cornell and Hackett were physically present at the committee meeting held at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois. Guests present were Mayor Queen, Clerk White, Trustee Gammon, Chief Kelnhofer and Kenneth Gammon.

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review/approve past meeting minutes, discuss full-time officer replacement, police chief recommendations for 214 E. Attica, Update committee on complaint from previous board meeting on derelict vehicles on E. Attica, discuss status of new police car, disposition of Ford squad car, review/confirm board minutes on prior condemning of Hoarder's Building on South Chicago, discuss semi-tractor parking on Village streets and next step for vacant property at 113 W. Attica.

Minutes of the August 12, 2021 committee meeting were presented. Trustee Black stated he has picked up some sample descriptions for Sergeant and updates, which will be added to the next meeting's agenda. Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9th at 6 p.m. since Thursday, November 11th is a legal holiday. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Cornell to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated August 12, 2021 and approve them as presented. Vote: Black, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes.

Full-time Officers – Full-time Officer Thomas Wimmer has accepted a position with the Tilton police department but would like to continue working for the Rossville Police Department as a part-time police officer. Officer Wimmer will not work any hours for Rossville Police Department until he completes his field training for Tilton P.D. Since the Village decided to dispense with part-time officers previously, would the Board consider retaining part-time officers. Committee members discussed whether to advertise for part-time and/or full-time police officers. Trustee Black requested the attorney's contact information who handled the part-time union on the Village of Rossville's behalf. Clerk White will forward the information. The committee requested the topic of advertising for full-time and part-time officers to be placed on the regular board meeting agenda for Monday evening.

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Update on 214 E. Attica – Residents living at 214 E. Attica have been issued citations last July for garbage. The residents are being fined \$100 per day since March 11, 2021 for garbage violations. Chief Kelnhofer stated the residents were being fined for the garage as well but Chief Kelnhofer was informed the Village of Rossville needs to take action on the garage status since the Village cannot let the garage fall in due to the liability of the situation. The Village was given permission by the court system in Danville to either fix the garage or demolish the garage. Mayor Queen stated the Village will not take any action until something has been received from the court, in writing, regarding this matter. Chief Kelnhofer suggested if the Village is not going to do something, at least put barricades around the garage. The matter will be placed on the regular board meeting agenda for further discussion and possible decision.

Updated on complaint from previous board meeting on derelict vehicles on E. Attica – The vehicles that were not tagged are now tagged. The vehicles that were not tagged, were hauled away.

New Police Car – The new squad has arrived at the dealership in which the order was placed. The squad will be sent to a dealership who will outfit the squad with lights and cage then the Village will have to decide on lettering on the squad.

Disposition of the Ford squad – Discussion was held on whether to keep the Ford squad or sell it. Committee members thought the Village would be best served by keeping the Ford squad but it needs 2 new tires on the front.

Hoarder's Building – Trustee Black requested a copy of the minutes of meetings held between October and December 2019 regarding the Hoarder's building possibly being condemned. Trustee Black also requested adding to the next committee meeting agenda reviewing ordinances regarding downtown buildings.

Semi Tractors Parking – Mayor Queen asked if semi tractors can park on Village streets. Trustee Cornell stated there is an ordinance in the code book regarding semi tractors and trailers. A copy of the ordinance was given to trustees. The ordinance states semi tractors cannot park on Village streets. Trustee Black asked what streets semis are allowed to drive on. In the ordinance provided, it states semis can drive on Gilbert, Attica and Railroad streets. Trustee Black requested

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the police department to review and enforce the semi ordinance. Trustee Black recommended giving violators 1 warning then a ticket for the next violation.

It was suggested to order signs stating “NO JAKE BRAKES IN VILLAGE LIMITS” for the edges of the Village. Chief Kelnhofer will discuss the matter with Superintendent Lusk.

Trustee Black (Chairman of the Police, Health and Safety Committee) and Trustee Cornell (Chairman of the Streets and Alleys Committee) will review the inventory of signs and prepare a list of signs to order. Several signs such as “Children Playing” were approved to be purchased but have not been placed.

113 W. Attica – The current owner of 113 W. Attica is listed as KAJA Holdings. Superintendent Lusk will be requested to inspect the property along with Chief Kelnhofer.

Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Cornell to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Committee approved 2-16-22