

Village of Rossville  
Police, Health & Safety Committee Meeting  
September 11, 2024  
5:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review/approve past minutes, review outstanding ordinance violations, prior month police actions, Police car striping status, monthly ordinance spreadsheet, review maintenance log sheets on police vehicles, Attica/Chicago St. Crosswalk & Street Arrows, Jake Brake signs, traffic stop finances, upgraded schedule, Park graffiti, Excel Google, New Illinois Statute: Low Speed Electric Scooters and Open Topics.

Minutes of the August 14, 2024 committee meeting – Minutes of the meeting held on August 14, 2024 were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Black to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting as presented. Vote: Richison, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes.

Ordinance violations and prior month police actions were reviewed. Chief Greene sent 14 ordinance violations out. Chief Greene reported she is working on violations for some vehicles at 506 E. Attica that have invalid plates. Chief Greene also stated the Village has outstanding fines that have not been paid to the Village of Tilton. We are looking for ways the fines can be collected. Clerk White stated the State of Illinois used to have a program that municipalities could turn in outstanding fines or utility bills to the State for a collection program to collect from income tax refunds. Clerk White will check to see if the program remains in effect.

The monthly Ordinance Log was reviewed along with a list of open cases from the Village of Tilton.

Maintenance Logs were reviewed. Chief Greene reported the Durango was returned with the gas smell remaining in the cabin. The Explorer is getting striped next week. The Explorer will be gone for 1 day to be striped.

Attica/Chicago Street Crosswalk – Trustee Richison stated the crosswalks are not ADA compliant. Trustee Richison is still working on getting the crosswalks painted. Trustee Black will discuss with Superintendent Lusk the painting of the directional arrows on the street at the stoplight.

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Trustee Richison reported the “Jake Brake” signs have been installed on the North and South ends of the Village. Trustee Richison spoke with the County about the signs. The County requested a copy of the Special Sign Permit Application that was signed by the Village for the State of Illinois. Trustee Richison asked Clerk White to email a copy of the signed Special Sign Permit Application to the County. Then the Village is required to order the signs. Once the signs are received, the County will install the “Jake Brake” signs on the East and West ends of the Village.

Traffic Stops – Trustee Black asked if there is a way to show how much revenue the police department has generated compared to their expenses. Clerk White explained that the revenue generated by the police department is recorded in the revenue line items in the general fund. Since the police department revenue cannot support the expenses, other monies received in the general fund from the State, help support the police department and streets and alleys expenses. There is not a cash account set up for just the police department because the account would always be deficit since the expenses outweigh the revenues.

Updated Police Schedule – Chief Greene emailed the September schedule but October still needs verified.

Park Graffiti- Dick Queen painted one coat of paint on the door to the park pavilion that had graffiti sprayed on it. Mr. Queen will paint another coat of paint tomorrow.

Excel Google- Committee members requested Chief Greene to send the police schedule in Excel format to committee members.

New Illinois Statue: Low Speed Electric Scooters- A new Illinois law allows municipalities the opportunity to allow low speed electric scooters to be driven/ridden on municipal streets. An ordinance will be required to allow the scooters, less than 100 pounds, on Village streets. The ordinance will be sent to Village attorney Andy Mudd for review.

Open Topics – Clerk White asked if a fee for solar projects has been discussed. When the Village adopted the solar ordinance, a permit fee was not established and included in the ordinance. The Village attorney will be emailed regarding a recommended permit fee amount based on other municipalities.

Chief Greene asked what the Village procedures are for COVID illness. Clerk White stated the Village allowed up to 5 consecutive days off with pay when the

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pandemic was declared. Some stated, businesses are only allowing 3 consecutive days off now. No determination was authorized for days off for COVID.

Motion was made by Richison, seconded by Gammon to adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: Richison, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Village Clerk

Committee approved 10-10-24