

**Village of Rossville  
Public Hearing  
November 10, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Queen and Trustees Hackett, Cornell, Daniel, Gammon and Black were physically present at the Public Hearing held to provide general information regarding the proposed ordinance vacating a portion of Maple Street and South Grove Streets. Trustee Sturm was absent. A Hearing was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois.

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Clerk White took Roll Call. A quorum was established.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to provide general information regarding the proposed ordinance vacating a portion of Maple Street and South Grove Street described as follows: Platted 66 feet wide streets commonly known as Grove Street and Maple Street in the Village of Rossville, Vermilion County, Illinois. Grove Street lying east of and adjacent to Lots 25, 27 and 28 in A. Gilbert's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition and lying east of and adjacent to Lot 45 and 46 in A. Gilbert's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. Also, Maple Street lying north of and adjacent to Lots 46 and 47 in A. Gilbert's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. Being further described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 27 in A. Gilbert's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, said point being on the north line of Gilbert Street; thence Northwesterly along the west line of Grove Street to the northeast corner of Lot 46 in A. Gilbert's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, said point being on the South line of Maple Street; thence West along the south line of Maple Street to the northwest corner of Lot 47 in A. Gilbert's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition; thence North 66 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 40 in A. Gilbert's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, said point being on the north line of Maple Street; thence East along the north line of Maple Street to its intersection with the east line of Grove Street extended north; thence Southeasterly along the east line of Grove Street extended to the north line of Gilbert Street; thence West to the place of beginning.

Public comments are welcome.

Guests present were Clerk White, Chief Kelnhofer, Premier Cooperative representatives Jeff Breen, Brandon Smith and Tim Hughes, Allen Willard, Alan Douglas, Janice Ray, Jeanine Black, Asa Ray, David Ray, Mike Jackson and Ken Gammon.

Mayor Queen stated Premier Cooperative representatives will state what they are proposing and what they are requesting from the Village in order to vacate the portions of Maple Street and South Gilbert Street to vote, then public will have an opportunity to comment, the Public Hearing will adjourn then a Special Board Meeting will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

Mayor Queen stated a petition, with 106 signatures (Janice Ray corrected later in the meeting stating there were 128 signatures) was turned in by David Ray (but Janice Ray corrected Mayor Queen later in the meeting stating she turned in the petition). Mayor Queen had spoken with some of the residents who signed the petition but they were not aware of the advantages to the bin being built such as the Village receiving \$25,000 in real estate taxes and the school would receive about \$10,000 in taxes if the road is vacated and the bin is built. Mayor Queen stated some of those residents stated they would not have signed the petition if they were aware of the

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advantages. Also, Jason Miller had written a letter stating if the bin was built, property values could be reduced by 30%. Mayor Queen stated he asked if Mr. Miller had any statistics to base his statement. Mayor Queen stated Mr. Miller's said his statement was an opinion and he had no statistics to base the statement on. Mr. Miller was not in attendance at the meeting.

Premier Cooperative (Premier) representative Tim Hughes asked if Board members were given the new proposal for the improvements. Board members did receive a copy of the new proposal. Premier is requesting the closure/abandonment of S. Grove Street from Gilbert Street north to the alley by Premier's office on Maple Street. At the previous meeting, there were concerns on the size and particularly the height of the proposed grain bin to be built so the bin was scaled back by approximately 2/3 making the new bin approximately the same size as the current structures (72' diameter by 104" high). In exchange for the Village allowing Premier to move forward, Premier is offering to install an oil suppression system for dust reduction, eliminate approximately an average of 315 trucks leaving during harvest which will reduce the dust. The bin would be a closed system. Premier would install bin silencers, which may reduce the noise by approximately 25%, on bin #7 and the new bin, establish a row of evergreen trees around the property and oil and chip the alley between Maple and Gilbert Streets. Mr. Hughes stated the way the street runs is a safety issue for residents and employees because some cars travel through backwards and have run over the scales. The issues were not reported to officials just like the complaints from nearby residents regarding dust and noise were not reported to Premier by said residents. Premier would like to begin next spring and hopefully complete the project by harvest next year. Premier is not demolishing the shop at the corner of Gilbert and South Grove streets. A new drawing was presented by Premier which includes only building 1 grain bin with no dryer or other bins at this time. The new drawing indicates 2 circles where a proposed bin could be placed. Only 1 site will be used.

With no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Gammon to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Clerk

Board approved 2/21/2022