

Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
April 20, 2020

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established with Mayor Queen and Trustees Cornell, Maden, Leaver, Buck and Richison physically present. Trustee Mahorney was absent.

Guest present was Clerk White.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held March 16, 2020 were presented. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. All members voted yes.

Treasurer Ault's written report for March 2020 was presented. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Buck to accept the March treasurer's report as presented. Vote: Richison, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed earlier in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Maden to approve the bills as presented. Vote: Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Richison, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – There were no comments on Superintendent Lusk's report.

Sewer Operator's Report – Sewer Plant Operator Matt Price provided reports for March and April. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Maden to accept both reports. All members voted yes.

Information from a company called Keystone was given to board members, for review, regarding reducing electric costs at the wastewater treatment plant by installing solar panels. Copies of the Village electric bills are required in order to proceed. Mayor Queen will call the representative to get further details.

Police Chief Kelnhofer's report – It was noted on the proposed budget that money was requested for a new police car. Money is added to the Police Car Sinking Fund annually in order to hopefully purchase a new squad every 3 years. Prices of the vehicles have increased since beginning the Sinking Fund so board members may need to consider increasing the annual contribution to the fund in order to continue purchasing a new squad every three years. The Durango and the Corvette are the oldest vehicles that may be traded or sold to reduce the cost of a new vehicle. Mayor Queen requested Clerk White to place selling the corvette on the May agenda.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$20,381.91. There were 3 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$1,800, making the total accounts receivable as \$22,181.91. Collector White reported she had contacted the PIP Group, who owned 406 Holmes at one time, regarding the mowing bill. They will not be paying the bill since they no longer own the property. The property located at 315 Benton has 3-4 years of back taxes due, therefore it probably would not be sensible to place a lien on the property. The property located at 202 Harrison already has a lien for mowing and utilities placed on the property. There were no disconnects this month. Due to COVID-19, board members agreed to not apply penalties on utility customers' accounts this month.

Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Executive Session Tapes – A resolution authorizing the destruction of executive session tapes that have been retained at least 18 months after minutes were release was presented. The tapes from meeting dates 12/18/17, 2/19/18, 3/19/18, 7/5/18 and 7/10/18 were included in the resolution to destroy. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to approve the resolution to destroy executive session tapes for meetings listed above. Vote: Cornell, yes; Richison, yes; Maden, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes. Ordinance 2020-02 passed.

The Rabies Clinic that was scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 2nd has been cancelled.

Office Flower Bed – Discussion was held on what to do with the flower bed on the west side of the village office. Trustee Cornell suggested having the Maintenance staff tear it out and replace it with rock. No decision was made.

Golf Cart Ordinance Amendment – An ordinance was presented amending Section 10.21.020 (7) to read...Golf carts may not be operated on any area other than roads or parking areas within Parks and Golf cars may not be operated on

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any Village sidewalks within the Village. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to approve the rewording of Section 10.21.020 (7) as stated above. Vote: Richison, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes. Ordinance 2020-07 passed.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Chairman Leaver stated the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget ordinance has been posted as required. The proposed budget ordinance will be presented at a special board meeting to be held on April 30th for approval.

Health Insurance for Full-Time Employees for FY21 – The current health insurance plan is with Health Alliance. Insurance representative Jim Crose, from Crose Insurance, prepared a spreadsheet for board members with alternative plans with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The current plan premium of \$4,536.39 monthly, with Health Alliance increase by 16-17% for FY21. A plan with BC/BS, with the same deductible, would cost \$4,649.87 monthly, with an increase of only \$113.48 monthly. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Richison to approve the BC/BS 500 plan for \$4,649.87 monthly effective May 1, 2020. Vote: Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Richison, yes; Buck, yes.

Streets & Alleys Committee –Chairman Cornell reported that Tim Holt, from Aquatic Control, has begun placing chemicals in the pond. Mr. Holt was impressed with the clean up around the pond. The new fish should be delivered on April 24th.

Trustee Richison asked if the maintenance personnel would push the burn pile for landscape waste farther away from the tree line or the trees will be destroyed.

The remaining chairpersons had nothing further to discuss.

Old Business- Trustee Leaver asked if anything new has developed with the dangerous buildings. Mayor Queen stated until the Stay at Home Order is lifted, nothing will be done. The owners of 106 W. Attica were wanting to work on the building but Mayor Queen stated no work will be done with the Stay at Home Order still in place. The owner of Hoarders Paradise may sign the property over to the Village. The owners of the property located at 209 Stewart have been working on cleaning/repairing the property.

Trustee Maden asked what has been decided regarding the Beautification Committee on the downtown area. Mayor Queen is waiting for a plan to be presented.

Trustee Maden asked when the garage across the street at 121 E. Attica will be demolished. Mayor Queen stated he will talk to Superintendent Lusk and request the building to be gone before the next board meeting.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Richison to adjourn to executive session to review executive session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2 C21 and to discuss employee compensation and possible downsizing due to COVID-19 under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Cornell, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Richison to return to regular session. Vote: Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Richison to release executive session minutes dated December 5, 2019 and October 12, 2019. Vote: Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes.

Trustee Richison reported that he is being deployed and will be tendering his resignation as of June 1, 2020. Trustee Richison recommended asking Lucas Sturm to replace him on the board.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded Buck to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Richison, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk
Board approved: 5/18/20