

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
April 19, 2021**

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. A quorum was established with Mayor Queen and Trustees Cornell, Black, Maden, Leaver, Sturm and Mahorney physically present.

Guests present were Clerk White, Kelsey Daniel, Rex Hackett and Eric Thomas.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held March 18, 2021 were presented. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Mahorney to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented with an omnibus vote. Vote: Sturm, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes.

Treasurer Ault's written report for March 2021 was presented. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Sturm to accept the March 2021 report upon corrections. Vote: Black, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Cornell, yes. Trustee Leaver requested commas and dollar signs be added to all of the columns so the report is easier to read. Clerk White will correct the format for next month.

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 and pay as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Sturm, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Trustee Leaver asked, regarding 106 E. Attica, if the ground was going to be leveled from the sidewalk? Mayor Queen will discuss that later in the meeting. Mayor Queen stated Superintendent Lusk has spoken to a couple of contractors to request estimates to tuckpoint portions of the east wall of 104 E. Attica and west wall of 110 E. Attica, replace a few bricks and when finished, seal both walls.

Trustee Maden asked when the maintenance department will remove the stumps of the trees that they cut? Mayor Queen stated when the Village can find a stump grinder to rent, they will get the stump grinder and remove the stumps. The Village had previously talked about purchasing a stump grinder but they were very expensive. Superintendent Lusk has also asked companies that cut trees in town if they would remove the Village stumps but said it is very expensive. Trustee Black stated he has a company that will remove stumps for \$250 per site. Mayor Queen requested the name and contact information of that company to contact.

Trustee Mahorney stated the site of the water main repair on East Attica looks nice. The area where the concrete was cut out needs fixed. Trustee Sturm stated the main has to be tied in but the concrete should be filled after the tie in.

Sewer Operator Price's report – Trustee Black asked since the report states the sewer testing has been concluded, is the testing not required anymore? Fehr Graham may have needed some test results while preparing documentation for the lift station project.

Police Chief Kelnhofer's report – Committee Chairman Black read Chief Kelnhofer's report that two of the new vests will be returned due to sizing issues for replacement. Police will be watching for expired golf cart stickers, Several loose dog complaints have been received. The residents at 214 E. Attica will be fined per day until the property is cleaned up. The property at 210 Maple has had trash on the porch for a while. Board members did not know where the criminal damage was in town.

Trustee Leaver noticed the school crossing light was flashing still at 5 in the morning.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$27,097.31. There were no utility disconnects or reconnects last month. Collector White presented a total of \$2,038.64 in utility write-offs for approval during fiscal year 2021. The matter was not on the agenda so it will be presented at the special board meeting to be held April 30, 2021.

A resolution was presented to authorize the destruction of executive session tapes dated January 21, 2019, April 15, 2019 and June 17, 2019 since the minutes were approved for release at least 18 months ago. Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Leaver to adopt the resolution to destroy executive session tapes from meetings held January

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21, 2019, April 15, 2019 and June 17, 2019. Vote: Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes; Black, yes. Resolution 2021-02 passed.

A resolution requesting the closure of Route 1/Chicago Street on May 15, 2021 from 9-9:30 a.m. for a Little League Parade, from Green Street to Stufflebeam Drive. Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Cornell to authorize the closure of Route 1 for the Little League Parade from Green Street to Stufflebeam Drive from 9:00-9:30 a.m. on May 15, 2021. Vote: Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes; Black, yes; Maden, yes. Resolution 2021-03 passed.

There were 8 businesses who responded to the COVID relief grant (maximum \$5,000) requests. Mayor Queen provided his suggestions and distributions. The paperwork for the COVID Relief Funds, was completed and submitted by Deputy Clerk/Collector Rife. The Relief Funds were to reimburse the Village of Rossville for police salaries. The Village of Rossville is not obligated to grant relief funds to businesses in the Village. Trustee Maden questioned how the Village could write a grant to receive reimbursement for police salaries, but the Village can disburse the reimbursement money to businesses in town. Mayor Queen had spoken to a man in charge of the COVID Relief Program. Mayor Queen stated the gentleman stated there are no rules in how the Village is required to handle the reimbursement. Trustee Maden requested the name of the gentleman that Mayor Queen had spoken with. Mayor Queen will give Trustee Maden the name and contact information.

The proposed disbursement to businesses who responded to the grant information totalled approximately ½ of the Relief Funds the Village received. After a lengthy debate on who received what amount of funds, the following motions were made:

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Cornell to issue a check to Rossville Family Restaurant \$4,000. Vote: Black, no; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Mahorney, yes; Sturm, abstain.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Mahorney to issue a check to GeeManetti's for \$5,000. Vote: Cornell, no; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Mahorney, yes; Sturm, abstain; Black, yes.

Motion was made by Mahorney, second by Maden to issue a check to the Pour House Bar & Grill for \$5,000. Vote: Leaver, yes; Mahorney, yes; Sturm, abstain; Black, yes; Cornell, no; Maden, yes.

Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Leaver to issue a check to Café LaTay for \$2,500. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Sturm, abstain; Black, yes; Cornell, no; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Sturm to issue a check to Hub City Media for \$2,500. Vote: Sturm, yes; Black, abstain; Cornell, no; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Mahorney, yes.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Mahorney to issue a check to Pretty Little Pickens for \$2,500. Vote: Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Mahorney, yes; Sturm, yes.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Maden to issue a check to Just Teasin' Hair Salon for \$2,500. Vote: Sturm, yes; Mahorney, no; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Mahorney to issue a check to Danner Insurance for \$2,500. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Sturm, yes.

Discuss 106 E. Attica – Mayor Queen stated the work is basically done on the demolition of 106 E. Attica. Mayor Queen stated Trustee Sturm presented an idea to make 106 E. Attica a parking lot when/if the Village obtains the property. Mayor Queen stated when the work is complete, a lien will be filed on the property then the owners will have a period of time to pay which may be the end of summer. According to Mayor Queen, Superintendent Lusk said a parking lot can be made at 106 E. Attica and TIF funds can be used for that purpose. Mayor Queen suggested to let the ground settle since there is so much sand. Trustee Sturm stated the sand was not installed properly and there can never be a sound structure there. If the sand is compacted correctly, you can drive on the sand.

Trustee Sturm stated Superintendent Lusk is supposed to get estimates to repair his roof since part of it was torn off. Superintendent Lusk recapped the roof as a temporary fix. Trustee Sturm is asking for the Village to fix what the Village damaged.

Demolition at 315 Benton Street – Mayor Queen stated Superintendent Lusk, as Building Inspector, has condemned the property. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Black to demolish the property. Vote: Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Black, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes.

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Rain Date for Car Show- The rain date is May 22nd for the car show scheduled for May 15th. East Attica Street will be closed from 8:00 a.m. til 10:00 p.m.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Chairman Leaver reported the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 is posted in the village office.

Streets & Alleys Committee – Trustee Cornell presented a resolution for the tar and chip project for 2021 as \$90,000. Superintendent Lusk has a map of the areas to be maintained. Motion was made by Cornell, seconded by Mahorney to approve the resolution for the 2021 tar and chip project. Vote: Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Black, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes. Resolution 2021-04 passed.

Spring Sidewalk Project – Trustee Cornell had no information on the sidewalk project for this year. Mayor Queen stated Superintendent Lusk reported on his monthly report that sidewalks along North/South Chicago and East/West Attica Streets, if any monies remain, part of Harrison Street will be done. Reffett Construction poured the sidewalks last year so they will do the sidewalk project this year. Superintendent Lusk has a map of which sidewalks will be included in the project.

Fish Information – Trustee Cornell gave Board members information on how many fish were purchased-600 fish and placed in the pond.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Chairman Black reported the trade-in values for the Durango is \$2,500 and the Explorer is \$1,500. Chairman Black suggested putting the Durango out for bid then put the Explorer out for bid once the new squad has arrived. The estimated time of arrival of the new squad is August. Chairman Black stated the total estimated purchase price of a 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD V8 HEMI 360 HP vehicle with the approved option package is \$43,794. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Sturm to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD vehicle with a V8 HEMI 360 HP with the options approved for approximately \$43,794. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Sturm, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes.

Mayor Queen was discussing with the Trustees to be seated May 1st, about the Hummer the Village has possession of and its uses. Trustee Maden read a portion of an article in the Illinois Municipal Review magazine stating effective July 1st, any law enforcement agency is prohibited from requesting specified surplus military equipment. Trustee Black did not feel that would affect the Village since the Humvee was received from a State program.

Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Sturm to advertise the 2008 Durango for bid with a minimum bid of \$3,000. Vote: Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes. The Village will advertise for bids on the Explorer after the new squad arrives.

Trustee Black stated the HUMVEE is parked in the police garage currently since it does not have locking doors. The parts are ordered.

Water & Sewer Committee – Chairwoman Maden presented a new contract with water operator Steve Baker for a 3-year contract beginning May 1, 2021. The contract can be cancelled with a 30-day notice by either party. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to approve the renewal of a 3-year contract with Steve Baker, beginning May 1, 2021, to be the Village water operator. Vote: Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Mahorney, yes; Sturm, yes.

Gas Committee – Trustee Sturm had nothing to report at this time.

Public Improvements – Trustee Mahorney reviewed the estimates, from United Paving, for the proposed parking lots at 121 E. Attica and 122 E. Attica. The estimate for 121 E. Attica is \$25,000, which would allow for 18 parking spots and the estimate for 122 E. Attica is \$27,000, which would allow for 22 parking spots. The estimates were to remove the dirt, apply a layer of CA-6 then add asphalt and installing drainage. Trustee Sturm spoke with Superintendent Lusk, who thought it would be less expensive if Mr. Lusk could do the site work and use TIF money to purchase the gravel and possibly pavement or tar and chip materials. If the lot is tar and chipped, the lot would not be ADA approved. Trustee Sturm estimated the project at \$15,000 if the Village does the site work, then have a contractor to do the

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remainder of the project. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Mahorney to place the project for bid with the Village doing the site work and using TIF funds for the project. Vote: Black, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes.

New Business – Eric Thomas requested permission to extend the closure of E. Attica Street, for the Car Show on May 15th, from the stoplight to Church Street instead of Harrison. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Black to grant the extension of the road closure from the stoplight on East Attica, to Church Street on May 15th for the Car Show. Vote: Maden, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Black to adjourn to executive session to review executive session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2 C21, discuss exmployee compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1, obtaining 403 Benton under 5 ILCS 120/2 C5 and part-time police union contract negotiations under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Sturm, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:39 p.m.

Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Maden to return to regular session. Vote: Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Maden, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 9:21 p.m.

Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Sturm to purchase by quitclaim deed 403 Benton to demolish the property. Vote: Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Maden, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Sturm to release executive session minutes dated May 18, 2020 and April 20, 2020. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes.

Motion was made by Maden, yes; seconded by Mahorney to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Sturm, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Mahorney, yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved 5/17/2021