

Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
June 17, 2019

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. then the pledge was recited. 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, Buck, Maden and Richison were physically present. Trustees Mahorney and Leaver were absent.

Guests present were Clerk White, Marilyn Kinnett, Bobbette Gammon, Terry Alexander, A.J. Hetrick, Abby Hetrick and Mike Marshall. Shawn and Jill Cade arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held May 20, 2019 were presented. Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Cornell to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. All members voted yes.

Treasurer Ault's written report for May and the amended report for April were presented. Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Maden to accept the treasurer's reports as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes.

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

Superintendent Lusk's report –

Chief Kelnhofer's report – Trustee Maden stated some of the golf cart driver do not look like they are 16 years of age. Can the police stop the golf carts, check the driver's ID for valid age to drive, when they see golf carts? Chief Kelnhofer will be asked. Trustee Maden also has witnessed a couple of golf carts that may be going excessively fast. Chief Kelnhofer will be instructed to instruct the officers to monitor golf carts for violations.

Trustee Maden noticed that Chief Kelnhofer did not inform board members, on his monthly report, that one of the fulltime officers was going to have surgery and not be able to work all summer. Chief Kelnhofer had informed Mayor Queen and Chairman Buck.

Trustee Maden would like to schedule a Police, Health & Safety Committee meeting to discuss some of these matters and require all officers to attend. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 24th at 6 p.m. Chief Kelnhofer will inform the officers.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$26,655.45. There were 6 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$4,800, making the total accounts receivable as \$31,455.45. There were no disconnects this month.

Trustee Maden asked what we can do with the CSX mowing bills that have not been paid. It was suggested to turn them over to the attorney.

Bids for Village-Owned Property located at 121 E. Attica – There were not enough elected officials present to pass an ordinance for the sale of the property if approved. The matter will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Employee compensation will be discussed in executive session.

Fire District Performing Controlled Burns in the Village – Fire Chief Lloyd Smith had been approached by a couple of property owners about doing "practice control burns" with the houses on their properties. Chief Smith stated the EPA will have to approve the "burns". Chief Smith asked the Village Board for permission to perform the "burns" in Village limits. The City of Hoopston owns their fire department and allows "burns" within the city limits. Chief Smith presented board members with a copy of the ordinance the City of Hoopston uses including procedures, requirements and forms for the owners to approve and sign. Mayor Queen will discuss the matter further with Chief Smith after reviewing the ordinance and forms.

404 N. Church – As the Village Board has determined that 404 N. Church is a dangerous building, registered letters have been mailed by Chief Kelnhofer to the owner. Village attorney, Andrew Mudd, requested a title search for

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lienholders and owners of the property. The title search indicated there were no lienholders on the property. As required by statute, the sign was placed on the property May 31st and an ad for bids began running today for 3 consecutive days for the demolition of the property. Some bids were received in the village office. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to table the opening of the bids until the next regular board meeting. All members voted yes.

Selling Surplus Property – Discussion was held regarding selling the 2015 Ford F250 truck that Superintendent Lusk uses. When ordering the new truck, the company had offered \$13,000 for trade-in value. Trustee Buck asked if anyone had looked at the Blue Book value. Trustee Richison suggested looking up the actual value of the truck before advertising it for sale for a minimum bid. The topic will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Donation request for Back-to-School Bash - A donation request was received from Morning Star Church for the Annual Back to School Bash that will be held Saturday, August 10th from 5-8 p.m. on their parking lot. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to donate \$100 to the Back to School event. Vote: Cornell, yes; Richison, yes; Maden, yes; Buck, yes.

Finance & Purchasing Committee Chairman Leaver was absent so no report was presented at this time.

Streets & Alleys Committee – The pond has been treated with the chemical presented last month. Results should be visible between 4-6 weeks.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Chairman Buck heard there was a bike stolen and asked if it had been recovered since it was not listed on the police report this month. Also, the corvette title has been received. The Village is required to keep the vehicle for 1 year then may dispose of it by sale. A new Supreme Court ruling has come into effect. A police department must wait until a guilty verdict is reached before confiscating vehicles.

Chairpersons for the Water & Sewer, Gas and Public Improvements Committees had nothing to report at this time.

Request to sell alcohol on Sundays – Shawn Cade, owner of the Pour House, requested to be allowed to sell alcohol on Sundays and sell carry-out packaged liquor. The Pour House currently has a Class A Liquor License, which allows for retail sale of alcohol for consumption on premises only. Last month, Casey's General Store was approved for Sunday sales, from noon to midnight, for carry-out only. Previously, ordinances allowed the Mayor (Liquor Commissioner) to authorize an establishment 12 Sundays plus Labor Day weekend to sell liquor. A new "Class" of liquor licenses would need to be adopted in order for the Pour House to sell packaged liquor as carry-out. The attorney will be consulted. Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Maden to allow the Pour House to sell alcohol on Sundays from noon-to midnight. An ordinance will be prepared for next month's meeting.

Bobbette Gammon asked for a status update on the solicitor that was at the Kinnett home on Greenwood Drive late of an evening. Officer Greene had stopped to handle the situation but an update had not been given to Mrs. Kinnett. Mrs. Gammon asked if the police are monitoring or stopping some of the golf carts that are going too fast and/or have a driver that does not look to be 16 years old. Mrs. Gammon asked since CSX Railroad is not mowing or paying the bill for the Village to mow, would the Village ask CSX to turn the property over to the Village. These questions were deferred to the Police Committee meeting.

Marilyn Kinnett asked if something could be done regarding the Leland house on Perry Street. Mrs. Kinnett stated the house is in poor condition and animals are residing there.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to adjourn to executive session to discuss employee compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Richison to return to regular session. Vote: Richison, yes; Buck, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:07 p.m.

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Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Richison to give Matt Price a \$2 per hour raise, since he passed his sewer operator's license test and now has his operator's license, retroactive to June 1, 2019. Vote: Buck, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Richison, yes.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Richison to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Richison, yes. Buck, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved: 7/15/2019