

**Village of Rossville**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 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, Leaver, Buck, Maden, Mahorney and Sturm physically present.  
Guest present was Clerk White.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held June 15, 2020 were presented. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Mahorney to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. All members voted yes.

Treasurer Ault's written report for June 2020 was presented. Trustee Leaver asked for verification of the Water Tower Sinking Fund balance. Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Cornell to accept the June's treasurer's report as presented until the Water Tower Sinking Fund balance is verified. Vote: Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Maden, yes Mahorney, 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: Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Trustee Maden asked when the street light will be replaced after a car destroyed it. The street light in question is in the proximity of Stewart and South Chicago Streets on the east side of the street. We are waiting on insurance and looking for prices of the poles to remit to the States Attorney's office for restitution.

Sewer Operator Price's report – There were no comments on Matt Price's report.

Police Chief Kelnhofer's report – Trustee Maden requested to view the letters mailed for dangerous buildings. Mayor Queen retrieved copies of the letters from his office and gave to Trustee Maden.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$15,944.47. There were 5 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$3,296.89 making the total accounts receivable as \$19,241.36. Collector White asked board members if penalties will be applied this month and disconnects will be done for accounts who were mailed certified letters that did not respond with payments as established in the letters. There were no disconnects last month. Mayor Queen stated penalties can be added to accounts this month since the State has opened since COVID-19.

Morning Star Church requested a donation to the Back to School Bash that is scheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. on the church parking lot. Kids can enjoy bounce houses, face painting, bubbles and other games. Donations will help purchase gift cards and back pack supplies. Trustee Maden asked is Social Distancing procedures will be exercised during the event. Clerk White stated everything is usually space far enough apart that social distancing should not be an issue. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Sturm to donate the same amount as last year. Clerk White will look up the amount from last year. Vote: Maden, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Buck, yes; Mahorney, yes; Leaver, yes.

There will be a Land Bank meeting held via Zoom or phone conference call on July 22, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Land Bank Board has requested a list of potential demolition or rehab properties in Rossville. They are applying for State monies to assist with the cost of demolition or rehab properties.

IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) selected the Village of Rossville to conduct an audit. IMRF found that Safety Awards that were issued to IMRF employees should have been included in wages but were issued as vendor checks. IMRF has provided corrective actions to the Village and will issue a charge advice for amounts to be remitted on the employees' behalf. The estimated cost for employee and employer portions is \$418 since IMRF requested corrections for the past 4 years. Employees may elect to pay their portions or the Village may elect to pay all remittances on behalf of employees. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Sturm to pay the entire remittance for the employees' and employers' portions. Vote: Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes.

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Casey's General Store proposed allowing them to sell beer curbside at the Rossville store. Employees will take a tablet out to the car, which will allow the driver's license to be scanned and take payment. Board members were concerned for the safety of employees and customers during the pandemic. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Mahorney to decline the request for Casey's to sell beer curbside. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes. The Casey's request was denied.

Seal 115 E. Attica west wall – Mayor Queen suggested allowing the maintenance staff to seal the west wall of 115 E. Attica, which was exposed when the Village demolished the adjoining building located at 113 E. Attica. The Village has made some improvements to the wall since the demolition but the wall was never sealed. Mayor Queen stated the sealant can be sprayed on. The maintenance staff can use the lift to spray the top of the wall. The work can be done this fall. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Buck to approve the maintenance staff applying a sealant to the west wall of 115 E. Attica Street. Vote, Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Buck, yes; Mahorney, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Mahorney to accept Lucas Sturm's resignation from the Zoning Board since he is now a Village Trustee. Vote: Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes; Sturm, abstain; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Chairman Leaver had nothing further to report at this time.

Streets & Alleys Committee –Chairman Cornell reported there is algae on top of the pond. Tim, from Aquatic Control, can test the algae to see if it is toxic for \$250. If the algae is toxic, Aquatic Control put a dye in the pond that will kill the algae but won't be harmful to the fish. An estimate can be requested for the dye treatments. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Sturm to approve testing the algae, if positive test results are provided, an estimate will be requested for the dye treatments. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Sturm, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes.

Chairman Cornell asked when the contractor is going to start on the Gilbert Street sidewalks since the project was awarded last fall. Mayor Queen had spoken with Superintendent Lusk regarding the contractor. The contractor said he was not notified that he won the bid until late fall and it was too late in the year to begin then COVID-19 hit this spring and he has not started. Mayor Queen will see when the contractor will start.

Chairman Cornell reported that Gilbert Street is very rough. Mayor Queen had not noticed when he drives on Gilbert Street.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Clerk White opened the bids for the 2002 Chevrolet Corvette. The bids were as follows:

Yousef Dabbagh	\$ 7,768
Michael Burchfield	\$ 8,000
Paul Haas	\$ 8,100
Nik Lyons	\$ 8,857
Gary Wolfe	\$ 9,150
Jason Miller	\$ 9,641
Melissa Owens	\$10,000
Steve Swisher	\$11,179
Ken Vaughn	\$11,300
Mikala Urbanski	\$15,000

Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Leaver to approve the ordinance to accept the bid of \$15,000 from Mikala Urbanski for the 2002 Chevrolet Corvette. Vote: Sturm, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes. Payment must be made by certified funds. Ordinance 2020-12 passed.

Police Garage Roof Bids – One bid was received for the installation of a new metal roof at the police garage, located at 106 W. Attica Street. Clerk White opened the bid. The bid was as follows:

Quality Buildings & Repair      \$9,431.38      Color to be chosen by Village representative

Clerk White read the entire work detail listed on the bid, which did not specify new sheeting. Mayor Queen asked if Superintendent Lusk required new sheeting. Board members did not have the bid sheet that Superintendent Lusk had

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prepared. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to accept the bid of \$9,431.38 from Quality Buildings and Repair, pending a determination if new sheeting is required. Vote: Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes.

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Maden announced the maintenance staff will begin flushing hydrants on Thursdays beginning July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Gas Committee - Chairman Sturm had nothing to report at this time.

Public Improvements - Trustee Mahorney did not have any bids for the proposed parking lots.

Trustee Maden was under the impression that nobody in Village limits is supposed to have a burn barrel. The residents at the old Opera House have been burning in burn barrels. Chief Kelnhofer has spoken with the residents and they are having the barrels removed.

Mayor Queen reported that Village attorney Andy Mudd has mailed 4 certified letters, regarding their building to the Delvin's, owners of 106 E. Attica, but the Delvin's will not sign for the letters. The building was determined to be a dangerous building. Mayor Queen suggested, when time has lapsed for Delvin's to work on the building or respond, tearing off the roof of the building. Village attorney Mudd can speak with the Delvin's attorney to see if they will respond to him. Trustee Sturm announced he has a leak in his building since the Delvin's have not repaired their building correctly. Trustee Sturm also asked why the Village does not require commercial buildings to carry insurance on the buildings. Mayor Queen will speak with Mr. Mudd regarding the building and a time frame when the Village can begin work.

Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded Buck to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes, Maden, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk  
Board approved 8-17-20