

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
January 16, 2023**

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 Gammon, Black, Daniel, Cornell, Sturm and Hackett physically present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guests present were Clerk White, Andy Schaumburg (Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative) and Kenneth Gammon.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held December 19, 2022, were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Hackett to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes.

Treasurer Ault's report for December 2022 was presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to accept the Treasurer's report for December 2022. Vote: Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed earlier in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Black to approve and pay the bills as presented. Vote: Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – The streetlight that was hit on the northwest corner on Route 1, by Chicago and West Attica Streets, has been replaced.

Trustee Sturm recommended continuing the sidewalk program but the Board should review the list of the proposed sidewalk improvements.

Trustee Cornell suggested putting rock on all of the alleys. Mayor Queen said the matter is on the agenda but will discuss it later in the meeting.

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

Police report – There was no police report this month.

Andy Schaumburg, from Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, presented a check, in the amount of \$352.51, to the Village for the annual capital credit refund and thanked the Board for being members. Mr. Schaumburg explained the capital credit program to board members.

Accounts Receivable - Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$83,111.13. There were miscellaneous invoices totaling \$2,581.41, making the total accounts receivable as \$85,692.54. There were no shutoffs this month.

Agreement between the Village and RCO (Rossville Community Organization) – An agreement was presented for the use of the south portion of the Village owned building, located at 106 W. Attica Street, between the Village and RCO. An agreement was prepared based on a prior agreement between the Rossville Historical Society and the Village. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Queen to sign on behalf of the Village of Rossville. RCO may designate the appropriate officer to sign the document on their behalf. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes.

Fast Track Demolition Procedures – Trustee Gammon explained the Fast Track Demolition procedures. Copies of the procedures were given previously to all board members. Mayor Queen will contact Village attorney Andy Mudd with questions regarding notices not being accepted or signed for.

Discuss the Alley between Maple/Gilbert Streets in the 300 block – Trustee Gammon discussed, when the Village closed the end of Maple Street, discussion was held regarding preparing the alley, in the 300 block between

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Maple/Gilbert Streets, for traffic use. Trustee Gammon spoke to Superintendent Lusk about how to proceed with preparing the alley for traffic use. Superintendent Lusk reminded Trustee Gammon there is a gas line under the alley but he will apply a base, just like the parking lot next to the village office, depending on the weather around the 1st of February.

Trustee Gammon has read through the ordinance book. Section 17.08.040 states alleys are for service purposes only. There are bits and pieces regarding alleys. Trustee Gammon suggested preparing a better ordinance regarding alleys. Mayor Queen asked Trustee Cornell (Chairman of the Streets & Alleys Committee) to schedule a meeting to discuss alleys and ask Superintendent Lusk to attend.

Intergovernmental Agreement for SRO at BHRA – Mayor Queen reported the SRO agreement has not been returned to the Village. Mr. Rademacher was to contact the Village if there were any questions regarding the change made to the agreement by the Village Board. Mayor Queen stated Mr. Rademacher understands that the Village cannot provide an SRO until Officer Greene gets back and a fulltime officer is hired. Mayor Queen asked the SRO agreement to be tabled.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Trustee Hackett had nothing further to report at this time.

Streets & Alleys Committee- Trustee Cornell announced the committee will meet on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 4 p.m. at the village office.

The 2023 MFT stockpile resolution was presented. Motion was made by Cornell, seconded by Hackett to approve the 2023 MFT Resolution. Vote: Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes. Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes. Resolution 2023-01 passed.

Police, Health & Safety Committee- Trustee Black has not finalized the corrections/additions to the policies and procedures manual to present this evening.

Clerk White reported that a letter of resignation was received by Officer Thomas Wimmer, who resigned as a fulltime officer but requested to remain as a part-time officer. Officer Wimmer did not have any hours, therefore, submitted his resignation.

Water & Sewer Committee Report – Trustee Gammon reported Fehr Graham was suppose to attend tonight's meeting and present a change order listing the corrected dates for the construction of the lift station. There was a problem with a part that was cast incorrectly. The estimated time to correct the issue is 8 weeks.

The sewer plant building looks good. The sides have to be acid washed when it's warmer. The sidewalks were poured the other day.

Gas Committee- Trustee Sturm had nothing to report.

Public Improvements Committee – Trustee Daniel reported a Beautification committee meeting was held last Monday. The committee presented 3 possible projects to be addressed. The projects are: 1) repaint the gazebo/plant flowers, 2) Show school support by possibly painting Paw Prints on the streets and 3) Build themed library book houses around town. Mayor Queen and Jim Smith are hoping to scrape and paint the gazebo this summer. Other suggestions for school spirit were hanging Bobcat pennants in the area of the school. New residents of Rossville, John and Lauren McCool, would like to sponsor the themed library book house project if approved. Mr. McCool also asked when the trailer next door at 206 Thompson was going to be removed. Mayor Queen suggested adding 206 Thompson to the list of dangerous buildings that need repaired or demolished. Trustee Sturm knows someone who may invest in Rossville and fix up some of the dangerous buildings that need repaired. Trustee Sturm asked Trustee Gammon if she could prepare a list of houses that need repaired.

Trustee Black suggested if the police schedule does not list the hours to work on it, then no one should be working that shift. The police policies and procedures are in place which states the hours are to be listed on the schedule or it is not an actual shift.

Trustee Daniel asked if anything had been done regarding the little moped/motorbike riding around at 2 a.m. No response was given by board members. Trustee Gammon spoke to a Captain at the Vermilion County Sheriff's

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Department to see if any of the Vermilion County officers would like to work a few hours, such as 1-4 a.m. The Captain said he would ask officers if they would be willing to work any hours at night.

New Business – Trustee Gammon spoke with Superintendent Lusk about the parking lot next to the village office. Superintendent Lusk stated Ribbe is supposed to come this week to discuss tar and chipping the parking lot at 122 E. Attica. The Village can use TIF money to finish the parking lot. Ribbe’s also bought some equipment that can chew up asphalt. Redoing Gilbert Street has been discussed in prior years but the project was not started. Ribbe may give an estimate of cost to fix Gilbert Street. MFT money will be used to repair Gilbert Street, not TIF money.

Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Hackett to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved 2-20-23