

**Village of Rossville  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 20, 2025**

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established with Mayor Queen and Trustees Gammon, Jones, and Wallace physically present.

Trustees absent – Trustees Black, Daniel and Trustee Cornell

Guests present were Clerk White and Treasurer Bridget Ault.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held December 16, 2024 were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Jones to dispense with the reading of the regular board meeting minutes dated December 16, 2024 and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Gammon, yes; Jones, yes; Wallace, yes.

Minutes of the Special Board meeting held January 13, 2025 were presented. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gammon to dispense with the reading of the special board meeting minutes dated January 13, 2025 and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Jones, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes.

Treasurer Ault's report for December 2024, was presented. The December Treasurer's report was reviewed in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting held earlier. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Wallace to accept the Treasurer's report for December. Vote: Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Jones, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting earlier. The final payment for the 2 Ford work trucks is included in the bills. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gammon to approve the bills as presented. Vote: Gammon, yes; Jones, yes; Wallace, yes.

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

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

Police report – There were no comments on Chief Greene's report.

Accounts Receivable – Collector White reported the accounts receivable balance as of January 20, 2025 was \$47,816.31 plus \$1,615.03 in miscellaneous invoices, totaling \$49,431.34. There were no shut offs for the month.

Resolution Establishing Rules & Procedures for Remote Attendance of Meetings – Clerk White had Village Attorney Andy Mudd prepare a resolution establishing rules and procedures for board members to attend meetings remotely. Per State statutes, allowable reasons to attend meetings remotely are the following: 1) personal illness or disability; 2) employment purposes or the business of the public body; 3) a family or other emergency; or 4) unexpected childcare obligations. A quorum must be physically present at the meeting prior to allowing board members to attend remotely. Board members attending the meeting remotely may vote just as they were physically present. Notice must be given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, to the administrative assistant to the Board or a secondary designee if the administrative assistant to the Board is not available, if a member wishes to attend remotely so the agenda may include notice that a member or members will be attending the meeting remotely. Minutes of the meeting will identify if a member attended remotely and their vote, on any matters, will be noted as attended remotely. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Wallace to approve the resolution providing rules for remote attendance to meetings. Vote: Jones, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, no; Queen, yes. Resolution 2025-01 passed.

Ordinance Amendments for Solar – The discussion was tabled.

Discuss 106 E. Attica Since ¾ of Corporate Authorities Vote was not obtained – Clerk White explained that for the bids to be accepted and to sell the property at 106 E. Attica, ¾ of the corporate authorities must be in attendance to vote at the last meeting. A vote was taken on the matter with a 3-yes and 2-no but the vote was void since a quorum

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was met but ¾ of the corporate authorities were not in attendance. The matter will be tabled until ¾ of corporate authorities are in attendance.

Update on 217 Perry-Contract with Auctioneer, Resolution to Sell Property at 217 Perry – Mayor Queen found a person who is a realtor/auctioneer to sell the Village-owned property located at 217 Perry. The realtor/auctioneer will list the property on MLS listing and if not sold there, an auction will be scheduled for March 21, 2025 to potentially sell the property. The realtor/auctioneer will do all of the advertising and charge 10% of the sale price as commission. The Village had the property appraised for \$25,000. The Village cannot accept any bid/offer for less than \$20,000. A resolution will need to be passed to sell the property and approve the auctioneer's contract. Village attorney Andy Mudd will prepare the resolution.

Ordinance to Make Owners/Occupants Joint & Severally Liable-Mayor Queen asked to table the ordinance until next month.

Update on 306 & 308 Maple; Discuss Possible Foreclosure on Properties after Lien is Filed – Mayor Queen updated board members saying the buildings, except the garage, had been demolished at 306 and 308 Maple now. A lien will be placed on the properties for the Village expenses for both properties.

Finance & Purchasing – Trustee Gammon had nothing to report at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Mayor Queen presented the 2025 MFT resolution, including \$130,000 for Streets & Alleys and additional engineering fees. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Jones to approve the 2025 MFT resolution. Vote: Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Jones, yes. Resolution 2025-02 passed.

Police, Health & Safety – Trustee Black was absent.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Jones had nothing further to report at this time.

Gas Committee- Trustee Wallace had nothing report at this time.

Public Improvement – Trustee Daniel was absent.

Old Business –

Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Wallace, yes. Jones, yes; Gammon, yes; Queen, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk  
Board approved 2/17/2025