

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
November 21, 2022**

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Cornell, Sturm and Hackett physically present. Trustee Daniel was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guest present was Clerk White

Minutes of the regular board meeting held October 17, 2022, were presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Hackett to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Hackett, yes; Sturm, yes.

Treasurer Ault's report for October 2022 was presented. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Black to accept the Treasurer's report for October 2022. Vote: Sturm, yes; Hackett, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Gammon, yes. There will be 2 CDs at Iroquois Federal that will mature in December 2022.

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

Superintendent Lusk's report – Trustee Sturm asked if Matt or Clayton have received water operator testing results. Mayor Queen reported that Clayton passed his test but has not received his license yet. Trustee Sturm asked when the Village will begin compensating Matt or Clayton to be the water operator. Steve Baker is under contract currently as the Village water operator until notice is given by either party. The matter will be discussed at a later date.

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

Police report – Mayor Queen stated Officer Greene applied for and the Rossville Police Department was approved to receive 570 toys through Toys Express to give away to kids in the Rossville area. Officer Greene will be attending Juvenile training December 5-8, 2022. Trustee Gammon gave Officer Greene approval to order of a set of seat covers.

Accounts Receivable - Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$28,080.95. There were miscellaneous invoices totaling \$2,582.96, making the total accounts receivable as \$30,663.91. There was 1 account which remains shutoff this month.

Line of Credit at Iroquois Federal for the Lift Station project – Mayor Queen stated the Line of Credit at Iroquois Federal is expiring for the new lift station project. If the Board votes to renew the Line of Credit, the interest rate will increase to 7%. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Gammon to renew the Line of Credit of up to \$1,000,000 at Iroquois Federal with an interest rate of 7%. Vote: Black, yes; Sturm, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes. Trustee Sturm asked for a status update on the lift station project. Trustee Gammon reported the motors have arrived but we are waiting on the starters to be delivered. Clerk White reported to Board members the Construction checking account has become dormant due to lack of deposits or checks from the account. Clerk White authorized \$1 to be transferred from the money market account and deposited into the Construction checking account then reverse the transaction on the next business day.

Holidays for 2023 – Discussion was held on which days will be observed as holidays in calendar year 2023 for Village employees. The proposed holidays will be prepared in a resolution to be presented at next month's regular meeting.

Snack Pack Program Donation – Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to donate \$1,000 from Cares Act Funds to the Rossville-Alvin Snack Pack Program. Vote: Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Black, yes; Sturm, yes.

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Remediation Agreement between the Village of Rossville and Colleen Caldwell regarding 103 S. Chicago – A remediation agreement was prepared by Village attorney Mudd regarding requirements to repair the building at 103 S. Chicago, the time frame for the repairs to be completed and the insurance requirements for the project. Ms. Caldwell was given a copy of the prepared agreement for review. The only change Mayor Queen suggested reducing the insurance coverage required on the proposed agreement to \$1,000,000. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Sturm to approve the remediation agreement with Colleen Caldwell for 103 S. Chicago with \$1,000,000 insurance coverage. Vote: Black, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes.

Discuss Hiring a Chief of Police – Mayor Queen reported the Police, Health & Safety Committee suggested not hiring a Chief of Police until the ILETSB (Training and Standards Board) approve a waiver. Trustee Gammon requested a schedule of Officer Wimmer’s hours she is working patrol for the Village.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – The proposed tax levy ordinance for fiscal year 2023, in the amount of \$18,771.63, was presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to approve the tax levy ordinance as presented. Vote; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Black, yes. Ordinance 2022-06 passed.

Streets & Alleys Committee- Trustee Cornell had nothing to report at this time.

Police, Health & Safety Committee- Trustee Black had nothing further to discuss at this time.

Water & Sewer Committee Report – Trustee Gammon reported on the sewer plant building improvements. The north and south side bricks are done, the garage door is hung but waiting on hardware for the other doors. They will be back to trimming trees. Superintendent Lusk found 1 more stump in the park that was missed. Superintendent Lusk estimated 60-70 stumps ground this year. Trustee Black stated the owner of 401 Gilbert does not want his stump ground. The owner uses the stump to feed squirrels. Trustee Gammon would like the maintenance employees to remove the chips and put dirt in the hole where the stump has been ground. Mayor Queen stated the maintenance department usually spreads grass seed where the stumps are ground.

Gas Committee- Trustee Sturm had nothing further to report.

Public Improvements Committee – Trustee Daniel was absent.

Old Business – Trustee Sturm asked for an update on 106 E. Attica. Mayor Queen has heard nothing from the Village attorney.

Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Hackett to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved 12/19/2022