

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 2022**

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, Neal Kuester from Feller & Kuester CPAs, Aislynn Kizer, David Kizer, Kenneth Gammon, Robert Danner and Erin Danner.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held November 21, 2022, were presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes.

Minutes of the special board meeting held November 10, 2022 were presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes.

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

Clerk White updated Board members regarding 2 CDs at Iroquois Federal: 1 matured November 23, 2022 and the other matured December 15, 2022. Iroquois Federal renewed the 2 CDs for 15 months at 3.5%, with a yield of 3.55%.

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

Superintendent Lusk's report – The man lift is not working. The gentleman who works on it was in a wreck.

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

Police report – Sgt. Greene stated on her report that she is requesting to be the SRO for Bismarck. Mayor Queen spoke to Mr. Rademacher from BHRA, who stated the interviewing process will be done after Sgt. Greene returns from maternity leave. Mayor Queen stated the Village will need to search to hire an officer for night shift.

Trustee Gammon asked what ordinance was violated regarding the 13 ordinance letters that were sent out. Mayor Queen did not know what the violations were.

Accounts Receivable - Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$33,669.93. There were miscellaneous invoices totaling \$2,400.00, making the total accounts receivable as \$36,069.93. There were no shutoffs this month.

Holidays for 2023 – A resolution was presented with a list of 11 holidays for calendar year 2023. It was suggested to add January 2, 2023 to the list since New Year's Day (January 1) is on a Sunday. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Sturm to approve the 2023 calendar year 12 holiday dates. Vote: Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes. Resolution 2022-06 passed.

Employee Safety Awards Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Black to issue employees a check of \$100 after taxes are deducted. Vote: Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes.

Meeting dates for 2023 – The Village Board meets every 3rd Monday of the month. A list of meeting dates for 2023 were presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Daniel to approve the meeting dates for 2023. Vote: Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes.

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 2022**

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful Dues – Membership dues for Keep Vermilion County Beautiful were presented for renewal. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Hackett to approve issuing a check to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful for 2023 dues in the amount of \$150 for a business. Vote: Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes.

Ad for BHRA Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team – Royal Publishing asked if the Village of Rossville would like to place an ad in the BHRA annual BSN Holiday Classic Boys Basketball Tournament program wishing the Blue Devils Good luck. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Black to authorize a check for \$65 to be issued for an ad in the program. Vote: Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes.

Facade Improvement Application – A facade improvement application was received from Erin Danner, owner of Danner Insurance Services, LLC. Danner Insurance would like to request assistance with expenses for exterior doors, windows, siding, landscaping, roof, exterior lighting. The Village of Rossville may authorize up to \$5,000 for the project. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Sturm to grant \$5,000 to Danner Insurance for the facade improvements listed upon completion of the project and receipts presented for reimbursement. Vote: Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes.

Intergovernmental Agreement for SRO at BHRA – BHRA emailed a copy of the amended intergovernmental agreement for an SRO at BHRA. Board members reviewed the agreement. Mayor Queen suggested one change on page 9, section 9, the last sentence in the paragraph, should read, "The Schools agree to reimburse the Police Department for any patrol vehicle mileage at the federal mileage rate in effect for Officer travel greater than the distance the Police Officer would travel to Rossville and the Schools agree to provide an adequate secure indoor parking location for the Police Department vehicle". Motion was made by Black, seconded by Hackett to proceed with the BHRAHS SRO agreement, with an amendment to change the word "or" to "and" on page 9, section 9, last sentence, "...and the Schools agree to provide an adequate secure indoor parking location for the Police Department vehicle. Vote: Gammon, no; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, no; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Neal Kuester, from Feller & Kuester CPAs, reviewed the fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022 audits. Audit fees for fiscal year 2023 will increase to \$13,500. The lift station project may require a single audit if it has over \$750,000 in federal expenditures in a given fiscal year.

Streets & Alleys Committee- Trustee Cornell presented the 2022 MFT closeout report. Motion was made by Cornell, seconded by Sturm to approve the 2022 Closeout statement. Vote: Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes. Dennis Hostetter, engineer, will hopefully have the 2023 MFT resolution prepared for presentation at next month's regular board meeting.

Police, Health & Safety Committee- Trustee Black reported the committee met to review the policies and procedures for the police department. Some minor changes will be added, such as a sexual harassment policy and special responses for those who are mentally ill. The additions will be added and presented to the board at the January meeting.

Water & Sewer Committee Report – Trustee Gammon met with Superintendent Lusk, Matt Johnson and Andy Rainwater from Fehr Graham and a representative from Cross Construction to discuss the lift station project. Fehr Graham provided a list of new dates for different portions of the project. Trustee Gammon stated the mobilization will hopefully begin on January 16th. The starters are in. A change order will be prepared and presented at the January 16th meeting. The contractor does not want to tear up Abner Street. Therefore, if it is wet and muddy, the contractor will enter the maintenance area and proceed to the lift station instead of Abner Street. The contractor will be at the mercy of Ameren in February to get the poles set. Ameren has been notified. The sewer building has been re-bricked except for the west side. The doors were in but waiting on the hardware to install the doors. When the doors are installed, they will finish bricking the west side.

Gas Committee- Trustee Sturm reported gas prices are still high. An update on the Panhandle case was sent to board members for their review. An appeal may be filed.

Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 2022

Public Improvements Committee – Trustee Daniel had nothing to report at this time.

David & Aislynn Kizer are remodeling the home they purchased on Holmes Street. Mr. Kizer repaired a water leak between the house and the sidewalk. Superintendent Lusk provided the meter and meter pit to have installed. Mr. Kizer requested a meeting with Mayor Queen and Superintendent Lusk regarding this matter.

Mr. Kizer also requested clarification on what can be burned within Village limits. Mayor Queen reported burn barrels are not allowed but landscape waster can be burned in Village limits.

Trustee Hackett asked if discussion could be held on previous elected officials' records retention. Trustee Black requested to discuss the matter after the first of the year.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Sturm to adjourn to executive session to discuss paying employee for unused vacation time under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Hackett to return to regular session. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:07 p.m.

Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Hackett to approve paying Tracy Wimmer for 2 weeks unused vacation this one time only. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes.

Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Gammon to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved 01/16/2023