

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
February 20, 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 Daniel, Cornell, Sturm and Hackett physically present.

Absent – Trustee Black

Attending electronically – Trustee Gammon

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guests present were Clerk White and Colleen Caldwell.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held January 16, 2023 and special meeting held February 8, 2023, were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Hackett to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented with an omnibus vote. Vote: Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Daniel, yes.

Treasurer Ault's report for January 2023 was presented. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Daniel to accept the Treasurer's report for January 2023. Vote: Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed earlier in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Daniel to approve and pay the bills as presented but hold the check to Klinger Engineering until the details of the expense are clarified. Vote: Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Superintendent Lusk's report indicated plans to inspect the water tower this spring. Clerk White asked if the plans include painting the outside of the tower to get rid of the green on the outside. Mayor Queen said it depends on the outcome of the inspection. Trustee Gammon noted rock was purchased for the alley between Maple and Gilbert streets, in the 300 block from Ribbe Trucking. Trustee Gammon said there may be available approximately 200,000 ton of rock, from a wind tower project, to sign up for so the rock can be used on the streets. If the Village doesn't get any of this supply, we may not get any rock this year.

Sewer Operator Price's report – Mayor Queen noted the new doors are installed at the sewer plant building. Trustee Gammon reported we are waiting on the window, acid wash and a few bricks to make the project complete in order to pay the final invoice for the sewer plant improvements.

Police report – Chief Greene's written report was reviewed. Trustee Gammon asked if a copy of the certificate for Officer Wimmer attending a class in January had been received. Mayor Queen stated Chief Greene is requesting a copy of the certificate. Mayor Queen is waiting for Chief Greene to explain what air cards are, why they are needed for the police department and the cost prior to approving the expense.

Accounts Receivable - Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$52,290.90. There were miscellaneous invoices totaling \$2,400.00, making the total accounts receivable as \$54,690.90. There were no shutoffs this month.

Colleen Caldwell, owner of 103 S. Chicago, reviewed her plans to renovate the property: 1) stabilization of interior, 2) back wall repair and 3) pocket walls and new windows. Mayor Queen stated the remediation agreement allowed 240 days for the repairs to be completed. If Ms. Caldwell is not finished within 240 days, Ms. Caldwell can request an extension.

BHRA Post Prom Donation Request – A donation request was received from the BHRA Post Prom Committee. Motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Hackett to authorize the issuance of a check for \$100 to the BHRA Post Prom Committee. Vote: Daniel, yes. Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes.

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A resolution in support of tax increment financing was presented. Someone is proposing to change the way the TIF program works. The proposed resolution requests leaving the program as it stands currently. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Daniel to approve the resolution in support of Tax Increment Financing as it stands currently. Vote: Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Daniel, yes. Resolution 2023-02 passed.

Update on demolition of 3 houses – A status update on 3 properties: 1) 113 W. Attica, 2) 508 E. Attica and 3) 206 Thompson. The people who purchased the taxes for 113 W. Attica have received their notification of intent to demolish. The owner of 206 Thompson is working on his property. A person has reported to Mayor Queen that he is buying back 508 E. Attica and had been living in the house. A server was in the village office, who was trying to locate this person to serve him eviction papers but could not locate him. Several reports of where this person is staying were reported. Superintendent Lusk is soliciting estimates to demolish all 3 properties. One bid was received but it is inaccurate since the landfill costs have not been released. Therefore, the bid was not opened.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Trustee Hackett reminded board members to meet with their supervisors to complete the budget expenses for the new fiscal year. The proposed FY24 budget must be posted in April.

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

Police, Health & Safety Committee- Mayor Queen tabled authorizing the order of a vest for Officer Wimmer until he speaks with Chief Greene.

Water & Sewer Committee Report – Trustee Gammon presented 2 pay estimates, received from Fehr-Graham, on behalf of Cross Construction, the contractor for the lift station project, totaling \$49,632.35 (#1-\$14,553.00 + #2-\$35,079.35). Once the pay estimates are approved by the Village, the estimates will be forwarded to Fehr-Graham and USDA Rural Development for approval. Once approved by USDA Rural Development, they can release funds to be deposited into the Village loan then transferred to the Construction Checking Account to reimburse the universal account for the amounts of the checks. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Gammon to approve the 2 pay estimates for the lift station project totaling \$49,632.35. Vote: Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes.

Gas Committee- Trustee Sturm had nothing to report.

Public Improvements Committee – Trustee Daniel had nothing to report.

Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Gammon to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved 3/20/2023