

Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
March 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 and Sturm physically present.

Absent – Trustees Hackett and Black

Attending electronically – Trustee Gammon

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guests present were Clerk White, Chief Greene, Jim Crose from Crose Insurance and Ryan Soderstrom.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held February 20, 2023 were presented. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Daniel to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. Vote: Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes.

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

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Cornell to approve and pay the bills as presented. Vote: Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes.

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

Sewer Operator Price's report – Trustee Sturm asked what brickwork needed corrected at the sewer plant. Mayor Queen stated Superintendent Lusk found some bricks that needed completed when the windows are installed.

Police report – Chief Greene's written report was reviewed. Mayor Queen noticed some furniture sitting in front of 314 S. Chicago has been there for a while. Chief Greene has mailed a letter to the owners.

Chief Greene explained what FLOCK cameras are and how they can work. Mayor Queen requested the matter be deferred to the Police, Health and Safety Committee.

Chief Greene suggested the PNT (Public Nuisance Tow) ordinances to be updated as far as reasons to PNT a vehicle.

Chief Greene reminded board members the fee to send a police officer to PTI is reimbursable.

Chief Greene suggested the school speed zone sign just north of the grade school exit be moved farther north and the sign on the south side of the school crossing be moved farther south along Route 1. Mayor Queen will discuss the matter with Superintendent Lusk.

Chief Greene also requested signs that state "NO JAKE BRAKES" be placed at the four corners of the Village limits.

Accounts Receivable - Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$37,961.95. There were miscellaneous invoices totaling \$2,400.00, making the total accounts receivable as \$40,361.95. There were no shutoffs this month.

Pond Maintenance Proposal – A monthly lake maintenance program proposal for maintenance on the pond was presented. If paid prior to April 1st, the annual fee is \$3,594.82. If paid after April 1st, the fee is \$3,706.00. Motion was made by Cornell, seconded by Daniel to approve the pond maintenance program and authorize a check to be issued for \$3,594.82. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes.

Resolution designating FOIA officers and officers to receive OMA training – A resolution authorizing FOIA officers and officers to receive OMA training was adopted in prior years. Clerk White added the Chief of Police to the list of officers. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Cornell to adopt the resolution adding the Chief of Police as a FOIA officer and officer to receive OMA training. Vote: Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes. Resolution 2023-03 passed.

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Employee Health Insurance – Jim Crose, from Crose Insurance, presented a comparison for employee health insurance premiums between Health Alliance and Blue Cross/Blue Shield (the Village’s current provider). Both plans were similar. Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums increased 10% this year beginning May 1, 2023. Health Alliance premiums were higher than Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Daniel to approve renewing with Blue Cross/Blue Shield beginning May 1, 2023 for employee health insurance. Vote: Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes.

Mayor Queen suggested tabling discussion on the meter change out program, establishing sinking funds for meter replacement and amending the new equipment sinking fund ordinance until Trustee Black and Trustee Hackett return.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Trustee Hackett was absent.

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

Police, Health & Safety Committee- Trustee Black was absent.

Water & Sewer Committee Report – Trustee Gammon presented an estimate from MIDCO Diving & Marine Services, in the amount of \$3,786.00 to clean and inspect the water tower with divers. The price would include an inspection report stating repairs, if needed, a video and to check for sediment. If there is a lot of sediment that needs removed, an additional charge would be added to include EPA or State reports. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Sturm to approve the estimate from MIDCO Diving & Marine Services to clean and inspect the water tower, in the amount of \$3,786.00 and any additional costs due to reports that need prepared for the EPA or State reports. Vote: Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes.

Gas Committee- Trustee Sturm had nothing to report.

Public Improvements Committee – Trustee Daniel reported she received an estimate from Reffett Construction, in the amount of \$6,975.52 to pour a 20’ concrete pad with six 12” post holes, 5” concrete, 6” base/fill (CA-10), #4 rebar, buggy to get concrete to location, excavation and hauling spoils, broom finish, and remove forms and backfill for the foundation for the grain bin gazebo at the pond. Also, Trustee Daniel reported Lloyd Smith will deliver the grain bin gazebo for \$1,000. Trustee Sturm requested Trustee Daniel to get the estimated fee for delivery of the gazebo in writing. Motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Gammon to approve the estimate for the concrete pad for the grain bin gazebo of \$6,975.52 and delivery fee of \$1,000 from Lloyd Smith, once the estimate is received in writing, to be taken out of TIF funds. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes.

Trustee Sturm asked for an update on 106 E. Attica. Mayor Queen gave an update on the 3 dangerous buildings. Mayor Queen report the Village attorney is required by statute to publish a notice in a newspaper in the Roselle area, which the Delvin’s live for the 106 E. Attica property. Trustee Sturm expressed his displeasure of the slow progress on the 106 E. Attica project by the attorney.

Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Daniel to adjourn to executive session to discuss hiring/interviewing a police officer under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:53 p.m.

Communication was lost with Trustee Gammon.

Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Daniel to return to regular session. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Queen, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Sturm to hire Ryan Soderstrom as a police officer, effective the first day of PTI training at \$17 per hour then upon completion and passing PTI, Mr. Soderstrom’s pay will increase to \$20 per hour, if Mr. Soderstrom does not pass and complete PTI, employment will be terminated. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Queen, yes.

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Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Daniel to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, no; Daniel, yes; Queen, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved 4/24/2023