

Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
March 21, 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 Daniel, Cornell, Hackett, Black and Sturm physically present. Trustee Gammon attended the meeting electronically at 7:04 p.m.

Guest present was Clerk White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Clerk White reminded board members a transfer from the Police Car Sinking Fund to the General Fund was made after the bank statements were issued for February so the transfer will be reflected on next month's statement.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed earlier in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Sturm to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield \$500 deductible health insurance plan for Village employees, which will cost \$4,965.26 monthly beginning May 1, 2022. Vote: Daniel, yes; Black, yes; gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Hackett to approve the bills and pay the bills as presented. Vote: Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Board members noticed the curb was installed today on the north side of the intersection of South Grove and Gilbert Streets. The elevator is paying for all expenses for the improvements as agreed.

Sewer Operator Price's report – Trustee Sturm stated we need to get started on the lift station project.

Police Chief Kelnhofer's report – Trustee Black reminded Board members the lettering on the new Durango will be the same style as the lettering on the F150 truck. The Durango has the radio installed and waiting on the computer and radar to be installed. Trustee Black will contact Village attorney, Andy Mudd, for an update on the Hoopston agreement to handle court cases for the Village of Rossville.

Accounts Receivable - Collector White reported the January utility accounts receivable total as \$39,884.63. There were miscellaneous invoices totaling \$1,200, making the total accounts receivable as \$41,084.63.

Little League Parade Resolution – The Rossville Area Little League is sponsoring an Opening Day Parade to be held on May 14, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parade resolution would request closing Route 1 (Chicago Street) from Green Street to Stufflebeam Drive. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Cornell to approve the Little League Parade Resolution to close Route 1 on May 14, 2022 from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. from Green Street to Stufflebeam Drive. Vote: Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes. Resolution 2022-02 passed.

103 S. Chicago- Mayor Queen, Superintendent Lusk, Clerk White and Trustee Black met with Justin Taylor, owner of 103 S. Chicago. Mayor Queen reported that Mr. Taylor agreed to sign a quitclaim deed over to the Village of Rossville as long as he has 90 days to clean out the building. If the Board agrees to accept the property this evening, Mr. Taylor will meet Mayor Queen on Thursday to sign the deed. Mayor Queen spoke with Village attorney, Andy Mudd, who recommended signing the quitclaim deed, once approved to accept the property, do not record the deed until after the 90 days Mr. Taylor would have to clean out the building. Mr. Mudd would prepare an agreement stating the stipulations of the agreement between the two parties. Trustee Sturm asked if some plywood could be placed over the

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window. Mayor Queen stated the Village will not do any work on the building until the deed has been recorded. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to accept the quitclaim deed to 103 S. Chicago, proceed with the process of acquiring the property and authorize Mayor Queen to sign the required paperwork. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes.

Condemn 508 E. Attica and 113 W. Attica- The owner of 508 E. Attica is aware the property needs cleaned up. Mayor Queen suggested to condemn the building, send a letter to the owner stating the property has been condemned and they have 90 to clean it up. If the owner does not clean up the property, the Village will proceed with the dangerous building procedures. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Hackett to condemn the properties at 508 E. Attica and 113 W. Attica Streets. Vote: Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes. Cornell, yes.

Finance & Purchasing Committee- Trustee Hackett reported the tentative budget will be posted by April 1st. Clerk White also reminded Board members to complete their economic statements and bring them to the village office so they can be mailed to the County Clerk at the same time if they have not already completed and returned them.

Streets & Alleys Committee- Trustee Cornell ordered approximately 255 fish. They will be picked up on Friday, April 8th.

Trustee Cornell received a request from Teresa Casner for rock to be placed, beginning at the intersection of North Summit and Henderson Street, going north on N. Summit toward York to the east/west alley (approximately ½ block) due to muddy conditions. Trustee Black suggested placing a layer of hard rock down as soon as possible then tar and chip the street later this summer. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Daniel to place the sub-street down as soon as possible then tan and chip the partial street this summer. Vote: Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes.

Police, Health & Safety Committee- Trustee Black stated Board members were given copies of (3) Draft Ordinances to review. The ordinances were regarding 1) vacant buildings, fines that could be issued and registering vacant buildings in the village office, 2) B-1 Zone Construction and Renovation and Aesthetics and 3) an amendment for Variance Procedures. The ordinances will be reviewed at the Police, Health and Safety Committee meeting and possibly be presented for approval at the next regular board meeting.

CARES Act Funding- There is a balance of \$28,408.00 from the CARES Act Funding in the general fund. Trustee Black provided a spreadsheet listing other items that could be purchased with CARES Act monies, (4) AED devices, a car Radar gun, Police Car Computer and laptop mounting bracket and a handheld radar gun, totaling \$17,132.00. Motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Hackett to purchase 4 AED devices, 1 radar gun for a vehicle, police car computer, laptop mounting bracket and 1 handheld radar gun for approximately \$17,132. Vote: Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Sturm, yes.

Help wanted- Trustee Black stated an ad was ran on Indeed. Eleven applications were received of which 9 candidates did not qualify as police officers, 1 candidate took another job. Trustee Black would like to extend the ad for 30 days. A candidate rejection letter was discussed.

The new police car needs lettering and a computer before it can be placed on the street for patrol. Trustee Black and Chief Kelnhofner have reviewed the proposed budget.

The agreement with the City of Danville to handle court cases will expire April 30, 2022. Village attorney, Andy Mudd, is waiting to hear from Hoopeston Court to see if they will accept other municipalities' court cases. If nothing further is determined, an Intergovernmental Agreement is being prepared with the Village of Tilton to accept the Village of Rossville's court cases.

Water & Sewer Committee – Trustee Daniel has discussed the sewer plant improvements. Superintendent Lusk will contact the engineer and request all new material but no soffit. Mayor Queen stated once the engineer has been contacted and hired, the engineer will take care of the ads in the newspaper, requesting the requests for proposals, etc.

Gas Committee- Trustee Sturm had nothing to report at this time.

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Public Improvements Committee– Trustee Gammon asked since the 3 lots (107-113 E. Attica) did not sell, can the Beautification Committee seek projects for those lots and use TIF money to expense the project to? Mayor Queen will ask the TIF attorney. Trustee Gammon would like to schedule a committee meeting in April to discuss these projects.

Old Business-Trustee Sturm asked the status on the 106 E. Attica property. Mayor Queen stated the invoices have been turned in to the Village attorney, who is working on the next step in the procedures such as a lien, etc. Mayor Queen will ask how many days the Village has to wait for the owners to pay the lien.

Trustee Black gave Mayor Queen a list of signs that need to be ordered. Mayor Queen will give Superintendent Lusk the list of signs to be ordered tomorrow.

Trustee Black verified with Mayor Queen that the TIF attorney verified the Village could grant the Danner family the use of \$10,000 in TIF money for roof expenses on the old Presbyterian church. Mayor Queen answered yes but there are stipulations. Before any money is given, an EPA report needs to be requested and no money can be given up front. The work must be completed, an invoice must be given to the Village and a redevelopment agreement is signed. The Board will decide on the amount of reimbursement. Trustee Black stated the Danner family are planning to demolish the building and build a new building once the roof has been removed. Trustee Black would like the TIF attorney's number to contact about preparing a redevelopment agreement.

Trustee Hackett stated Mark Gulotta contacted him regarding his driveway flooding after it rains. Mr. Gulotta said Superintendent Lusk suggested a storm tile be installed in the Village easement to avoid flooding. R. Gulotta did so but his driveway still floods. Trustee Hackett requested that Superintendent Lusk go speak with Mr. Gulotta.

Trustee Black asked the resident's name who had the issue with the bush being cut. Trustee Black will reach out to Mr. Street.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Sturm to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved 4/18/2022