

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
May 18, 2020**

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 and a quorum was established with Mayor Queen and Trustees Cornell, Maden, Leaver, Mahorney, Buck and Richison physically present.

Guest present was Clerk White, Chief Kelnhofer and Deputy Clerk Rife.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held April 20, 2020 and special board meeting held April 30, 2020 were presented. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Richison to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. All members voted yes.

Treasurer Ault's written report for April 2020 was presented. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to accept the April treasurer's report as presented. Vote: Richison, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes.

Clerk White announced the \$350,000 CD from Iroquois Federal matured today. The CD was renewed for only 91 days at 1.0% since the interest rates are so low.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed earlier in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Maden to approve the bills as presented. Vote: Richison, yes; Maden, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Trustee Cornell asked when the sidewalk project on Gilbert Street will begin. Mayor Queen stated the project will begin when the weather is suitable.

Trustee Maden stated the sidewalk is messed up in front of the post office. What can the Village do, cut a tree, cut the sidewalk to improve everyone's safety going into the post office? Mayor Queen will speak with Superintendent Lusk regarding the problem.

Sewer Operator's Report – There were no comments on Matt Price's written report.

Police Chief Kelnhofer's report – Chief Kelnhofer reported officers are wearing KN95 masks on calls that officers cannot social distance. EMA has some masks but once they are gone, it may be harder to obtain more masks.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$26,530.47. There were 3 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$1,800, making the total accounts receivable as \$28,330.47. Collector White reported the taxes have been sold for 113 W. Attica, which the Village has filed liens on. Interested parties have until October 29, 2020 to redeem their interests or the new owner will be awarded a deed for the property.

Collector White asked board members if penalties will be waived again this month. Mayor Queen said yes. There have been no disconnected services for non-payment since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Collector White stated there is at least 1 account that the Village has not received a payment since February or March. Trustee Maden suggested writing a nice letter to the resident and request payment.

A proposed ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village of Rossville was presented. The proposed ordinance pertains to the 2008 Dodge Durango and the 2002 Corvette. Chief Kelnhofer has attempted to contact other police departments to see if they would be interested in purchasing the Durango with all of the current equipment except the computer. Chief Kelnhofer suggested listing a minimum bid in order to offset the cost of ordering a new squad since a new SUV style squad costs around \$40,000 and the balance of the Police Car Sinking Fund is inadequate to pay for a new squad in full. Chief Kelnhofer inquired about Book value and estimated the minimum bid on the Corvette should be at least \$5,000 and the Durango at least \$3,000. Board members suggested advertising the Corvette but list the bid open date around 60 days from now. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Buck to declare the Corvette as surplus property, advertise the Corvette ONLY for a minimum bid of \$7,500 and accept bids until approximately 60 days for now. All members voted yes.

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Trustee Richison submitted his notarized resignation effective June 11th. Trustee Richison suggested Luke Sturm as his replacement. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to accept Trustee Richison's resignation from the Village Board effective June 11, 2020. All members voted yes.

Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Rossville – Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Richison to adopt the ordinance to sell surplus property (Corvette only) owned by the Village of Rossville. Vote: Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Mahorney, yes. Ordinance 2020-11 passed.

Village Flowerbed beside village office – Discussion was held at last month's meeting to decide what to do with the flowerbed on the west side of the village office. Board members suggested having the maintenance department to remove flowerbed, spray for weeds and put gravel in the flowerbed's place. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Richison to have the maintenance department remove the flowerbed materials, spray for weeds then place gravel where the flowerbed was. Vote: Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Mahorney, yes; Cornell, yes.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – There are 46 golf carts that have purchased licenses this year. Problems remain with underage people driving and people driving with children on their laps. The police department will be watching for violators and issuing warnings for other violations as well.

Streets & Alleys Committee –Chairman Cornell reported that Tim Holt, from Aquatic Control, has returned to place more chemicals in the pond since the Village is on a monthly basis for chemicals to be applied to the pond to keep the green moss off the top. When Mr. Holt was at the pond, there were kids fishing. The newly ordered signs have arrived and need to be placed at the pond. Chairman Cornell has written a work order for Superintendent Lusk to place the signs and where the signs should be located.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Chief Kelnhofer requested estimates from some contractors for replacing the roof at the police garage, located at 106 W. Attica Street. The budget has money allocated for the project. Three bids have been received. Mayor Queen thought Chief Kelnhofer had acted too quickly. Mayor Queen suggested returning all of the bids that were received, have Superintendent Lusk prepare a spec sheet, including prevailing wage, for the project, give the spec sheet to the contractors Chief Kelnhofer received bids from plus another contractor Superintendent Lusk wanted an estimate from and have them returned before next month's meeting. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to concur with Mayor Queen's suggestion to return the bids, have Superintendent Lusk prepare a bid sheet to give contractors, give contractors the bids sheets and expect them returned before next month's regular board meeting. All members voted yes.

Chairpersons from the Water & Sewer Committee and Gas Committee had nothing to report at this time.

Public Improvements - Trustee Maden asked the status of the proposed parking lots at 121 and 122 E. Attica. We were waiting on the engineer to meet with the mayor and Marilyn Danner regarding the improvements to 107-111 E. Attica. Clerk White reported Marilyn Danner was in the office and said it probably would not be cost effective to have an engineer study on the property. The project could be divided into stages of work if the Village wants to move forward with the downtown project. The Village would like to know cost estimates to make 121 E. Attica and 122 E. Attica into parking lots, especially 121 E. Attica. The mayor has not heard from Hub City Media regarding a parking lot for their use. Chairman Mahorney was asked to retrieve cost estimates to make 121 & 122 E. Attica parking lots with tar and chip and one for asphalt.

Old Business- Trustee Richison asked the status of the dangerous building, located at 106 E. Attica Street. Mayor Queen will contact the Village attorney to see what the next step can be since courtrooms have been closed due to COVID-19. Board members requested the old truck and the trash at the back of the property be removed.

Motion was made by Richison, seconded by Leaver to adjourn to executive session to discuss employee compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1 and whether to purchase properties @ 305 & 315 Benton under 5 ILCS 120/2 C5. Vote: Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Mahorney, yes; Cornell, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:54 p.m.

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Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Richison to return to regular session. Vote: Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Mahorney, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:13 p.m.

The salary ordinance, which was approved at a special board meeting held April 30, 2020, approved a 3% raise for all employees except Randy Lusk and Chris Kelnhofer (who received a 1.5% raise). The matter of giving Randy Lusk and Chris Kelnhofer the remaining 1.5% was revisited. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to amend the FY21 salary ordinance to give Randy Lusk and Chris Kelnhofer the additional 1.5% raise retroactive to May 1, 2020. Vote: Maden, yes; Mahorney, no; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, no, Richison, yes; Queen, yes. Ordinance 2020-09A passed.

Discussion was held whether the Village wanted to pursue purchasing the properties located at 305 & 315 Benton Street. Mayor Queen will obtain cost estimates and procedures to obtain the properties by the next board meeting.

Motion was made by Buck, seconded Richison to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Richison, yes; Mahorney, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk
Board approved 6-15-20