

**Village of Rossville**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 15, 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, Leaver, Mahorney and Buck physically present. Trustee Maden was absent.

Guest present was Clerk White, Deputy Clerk Rife and Lucas Sturm.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held May 18, 2020 were presented. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Buck to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Queen, yes.

Due to Trustee Richison's resignation, Mayor Queen appointed Lucas Sturm as Trustee Richison's replacement. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Mahorney to concur with Mayor Queen's appointment of Lucas Sturm as Village Trustee. Vote: Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes; Queen, yes.

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

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

Superintendent Lusk's report – Mayor Queen asked Superintendent Lusk when the contractor will begin on the Gilbert Street sidewalk project. Superintendent Lusk does not know when work will begin.

Mayor Queen also reported, regarding the tree at the post office, that Superintendent Lusk stated the Village can tear out part of the sidewalk where the tree has uprooted. Trustee Mahorney suggested speaking with the Bush estate, who are the owners of the post office building and property regarding the issue with the tree and sidewalk. Mayor Queen will investigate the matter.

Clerk White asked if the tree cutting is complete. Mayor Queen stated the cutting/trimming of trees is done until fall. Several trees remain on the list to be cut.

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

Police Chief Kelnhofers report – Clerk White reminded board members that Chief Kelnhofer noted on his report the last date to purchase a new police vehicle. Mayor Queen stated the Board discussed last month to wait until the end of the fiscal year.

Trustee Leaver asked questions regarding the water quality report that is mailed to customers. Steve Baker does the testing to find the results to be published in the water quality report.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$31,525.93. There were 5 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$3,600.24 making the total accounts receivable as \$35,126.17. Collector White asked board members if penalties will be waived again this month and if reminder letters can be mailed if no penalties are applied. Mayor Queen said no penalties this month but reminder letters may be mailed. There have been no disconnected services for non-payment since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Letters were mailed to 3 properties for utility accounts that have not made payment since February or March of this year stating payment must be received by June 19, 2020 or services may be disconnected. If no payment arrangements have been made, disconnections can be made.

Street Dance – Mayor Queen stated a decision whether to have the Street Dance will be based on the Governor's decision to open the state. Mayor Queen will also contact Roger Prillaman, member of the Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets band scheduled to play at the street dance, to see what he thinks about having the street dance.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Trustee Leaver asked about golf carts. Clerk White stated there were 69 registered golf carts last year and only 59 registered this year, which includes some new golf carts that have been inspected.

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Clerk White reported the audit notebook for FY2020 is ready for the auditor. Clerk White asked the Board their preference on whether the auditor should come to the village office, while social distancing is to be enforced during the Coronavirus pandemic, or take audit materials to the auditor. Clerk White is comfortable with either solution but offered to deliver the audit notebook to the auditor and if they have questions, they can come to the village office at a later date. Mayor Queen gave permission to Clerk White to resolve the matter herself.

Streets & Alleys Committee –Chairman Cornell had nothing to report at this time.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Chairman Buck had discussed with Chief Kelnhofer about parking the Corvette on the Village lot at 131-133 E. Attica to display. Chairman Buck has not seen the vehicle displayed. Chief Kelnhofer was absent due to Guard Duty but has returned and will air the tires and begin displaying the vehicle on the Village lot. Clerk White placed an ad for the sale of the corvette in the IML Review magazine. Clerk White will also place the ad on the IML online site and on the Village website with pictures of the Corvette for sale.

Trustee Maden, Water & Sewer Committee Chairperson had nothing to report at this time.

Newly appointed Trustee Sturm is the new Gas Committee Chairperson.

Public Improvements - Trustee Mahorney did not have a status update regarding the parking lots.

Old Business-Mayor Queen gave status update of the dangerous building, located at 106 E. Attica Street. Mayor Queen reported the Village attorney sent the owners a letter to remediate. The owners have 30 days to reply to the letter. During the 30 day period, the owners (Delvins), can take the Village to court to stop the entire process. If no reply is received, the Village moves to Step 2 which is begin working on the building. Board members were given, in their packets, a list of steps (provided by the Village attorney) during this process. The building has the Delvins' possessions inside. Mayor Queen will talk to Chief Kelnhofer regarding towing the unlicensed truck, in back of the property. Trustee Mahorney stated there is an unlicensed truck at 506 E. Attica that was moved from the back to the front after a complaint was made regarding expired tags that needs to be addressed also.

Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Leaver to adjourn to executive session to discuss whether to purchase properties at 305 & 315 Benton under 5 ILCS 120/2 C5. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Sturm to return to regular session. Vote: Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:37 p.m.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Buck to purchase 315 Benton, from the Vermilion County Trustee, for the purpose of demolition for \$800. Vote: Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes.

Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded Leaver to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk  
Board approved 7/20/2020