

**Village of Rossville  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 19, 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. A quorum was established with Mayor Queen and Trustees Cornell, Black, Leaver, Maden, Sturm and Mahorney physically present.

Guests present were Clerk White, Kenneth Gammon and Bobbette Gammon.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held September 21, 2020 and the special board meeting held August 27, 2020 were presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Maden to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the regular and special board meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer Ault's amended written report for August 2020 and September report were presented. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Leaver to accept the amended August treasurer's report. Vote: Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Mahorney to accept and approve the September treasurer's report as presented. Vote: Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes.

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: Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Clerk White asked if the damage of the streetlight, at the corner of Attica and Chicago by a semi, should have been reported to the office and insurance company. Mayor Queen stated the semi's insurance company has been informed of the accident and Superintendent Lusk has the semi driver's insurance info.

Sewer Operator Price's report – There were no comments on Matt Price's sewer operator report.

Police Chief Kelnhofer's report – Officer Greene has been sick so Chief Kelnhofer has worked some evenings. Officer Smalley will not be available after November 17<sup>th</sup> due to some medical issues. Chairman Black read Chief Kelnhofer's report aloud. A resident was looking for an officer on Sunday to report a burglary but could not find anyone on duty. Clerk White suggested residents contact 9-1-1 or call the non-emergency number 217-442-0153 to request an officer. Chief Kelnhofer noted on his report of his request to move forward with the purchase of the crash reporting software that was budgeted for this fiscal year.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$16,623.67. There were no miscellaneous invoices this month. There were no utility disconnects or reconnects last month.

The annual Christmas Parade Resolution was presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Cornell to approve the Christmas Parade Resolution. Vote: Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes. Resolution 2020-03 passed.

Mayor Queen reported the school will not be sponsoring the carnival but the parade and the lights at the park events will remain.

The estimate for the annual tax levy this year is \$18,667.16.

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Maden to declare the TIF Inner Core Tax Revenue as Surplus Funds. Vote: Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes.

The Joint Review Board will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the village office.

A cooperation agreement between the City of Danville, d/b/a Vermilion Housing Authority and the Village of Rossville was presented. The agreement does not include any additional financial burden on the Village. The agreement is a copy of the same agreement that was passed years ago but no copies could be found by local governments. The agreement states no taxes will be charged on the federally owned properties, no ordinance violations will be issued to the Housing Authority and that the Village of Rossville will cooperate with the Local Authority if any

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buildings need demolished. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Cornell to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Queen to sign the document on behalf of the Village of Rossville. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Sturm, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes.

An update was given on the 106 E. Attica property. Mayor Queen stated the building is basically emptied. Superintendent Lusk provided board members with an estimated demo cost for 106 E. Attica. The next step is to tear out the center wall and floor, fill with gravel and fix the back wall. Trustee Sturm stated his opinion that the center wall cannot be torn out since it seems like a supporting wall. Trustee Sturm also said the Village cannot proceed with the items Superintendent Lusk proposed because that is demolition and the Board only voted to remediate the building. Trustee Maden asked if the time limit is complete so the inoperable truck and the storage container in the alley may be removed from behind the village office. Mayor Queen answered “yes” they can be removed.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Chairman Leaver had nothing further to report.

Streets & Alleys Committee – Chairman Cornell hasn’t heard any news on the pond.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Chairman Black announced that Trick or Treat hours will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Trick or Treaters and people handing out candy should practice social distancing and wear proper face coverings. A Halloween mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. IML guidelines for Trick or Treating during COVID-19 issues were reviewed. It was suggested to leave individually wrapped candy on a table in driveways or in front of walkways or other outdoor spaces where 6-feet of distance can be maintained. Trustee Black has ordered some adult and children masks and suggested the Village order some masks to supply anyone who does not have a mask. If needed, people can pick up a mask at the village office on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> during office hours. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Sturm to authorize Clerk White to purchase masks from Amazon for Trick or Treaters. Vote: Sturm, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes. Bobbette Gammon announced the Rossville Methodist Church will sack up candy and hand it out on October 31<sup>st</sup> in their parking lot.

Trustee Leaver asked if any information has been received regarding if the Village could paint the crosswalks at the stoplight for the safety of the people crossing in those areas. Mayor Queen spoke to Superintendent Lusk regarding the matter. Superintendent Lusk stated the County or State will have to do the crosswalks.

Trustee Leaver also asked about the Village emails/IPADS that Trustee Black had proposed to purchase for the Village Board. Trustee Black will report details at a later date.

Bobbette Gammon asked if the Village would contact IDOT and see if they can fix Route 1. Mrs. Gammon stated residents can tell, inside their homes, when semis hit a certain spot on Route 1. Mayor Queen will contact IDOT to see what can be done.

Water & Sewer Committee - Chairperson Maden had nothing to report.

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

Public Improvements – Trustee Mahorney had nothing to report.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Leaver to leave regular session and enter executive session to review executive session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2 C21 and discuss Employee Employment, Dismissal, Performance and Compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Sturm, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Mahorney, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to leave executive session and return to regular session. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Sturm, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:36 p.m.

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Motion was made by Black, seconded by Maden to continue to hold all remaining executive session minutes. Vote: Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes.

Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Leaver to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Leaver, yes; Sturm, yes; Mahorney, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk

Board approved 11/16/2020