

**Village of Rossville**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 15, 2019**

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. then the pledge was recited. 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, Buck, Maden and Leaver were physically present. Trustees Mahorney and Richison were absent.

Guests present were Clerk White, A.J. Hetrick, Abigail Hetrick and Mike Marshall from A.J. Hetrick Enterprises, Jody Sageman, Bobbette Gammon and Lucas Sturm.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held June 17, 2019 were presented. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Cornell to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. All members voted yes.

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

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed earlier in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Cornell to approve the bills as presented, except the Carle invoice until it is submitted to insurance. Trustee Maden asked for clarification on Officer Wimmer's hours for payroll. Vote: Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Buck, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Clerk White asked if a notice had been published to advise residents of the hydrant testing and flushing. Mayor Queen asked Clerk White to publish a notice for residents.

Sewer Operator's report – Mayor Queen announced, hopefully, a report will be presented at next month's meeting from the sewer plant operator.

Chief Kelnhofers report – Chairman Buck reported that Mayor Queen, Chairman Buck and Chief Kelnhofers have met several times this month. Changes in blocking traffic for parades were discussed. Trustee Maden asked the plans for the corvette. Mayor Queen stated the corvette must be kept at least 1 year, since it was seized, before it can be sold. The corvette will not be used in "raids" but may be used for parades. Chairman Buck stated the curfew has been enforced. The current curfew for persons under 18 are 10 p.m. on week nights and 11 p.m. on the weekends. Chairman Buck has a person, who is PTI certified, interested in working part-time as a police officer. Misti Smitley graduated PTI Academy last Saturday. Chief Kelnhofers is waiting for her grades before putting her on the schedule to work shifts. Chief Kelnhofers will be gone for National Guard from August 1-31. Officer Wimmer will be working some of Chief's schedule in his absence, if the doctor releases her to do so. Trustee Maden asked the status of the criminal damage at Circle Academy. Mayor Queen and Chairman Buck were unaware of the damage but will ask Chief Kelnhofers.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$26,187.21. There were 6 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$4,800, making the total accounts receivable as \$30,987.21. There were no disconnects this month. Trustee Maden asked what we can do with the CSX mowing bills that have not been paid. It was suggested to turn them over to the attorney.

Ad for BHRA Volleyball – Royal Publishing sent an ad quote for the 2019 Clinton Volleyball Classic programs if the Village of Rossville would like to place an ad to wish the BHRA volleyball team good luck. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to place an ad for \$90 in the Volleyball Classic program. Vote: Buck, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes.

Ordinance Amending Section 5.08.080/5.08.140-An ordinance was presented to add Class AA for liquor licenses. Class AA will entitle licensee to sell liquor, at retail, for consumption on premises or off premises where sold in the original package for a fee of \$850 per year, change Section 5.08.140 to allow the sale of any alcoholic liquor on Sundays from noon-midnight, and remove Sections E and F in 5.08.140. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to adopt the ordinance amendment for Sections 5.080 and 5.08.140 as presented. Vote: Maden, yes. Cornell,

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yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes. Ordinance 2019-08 passed. At last month's meeting, the Village Board voted to allow the Pour House to be open on Sundays from noon-midnight. Also, the owners, Shawn & Jill Cade, requested the Board to consider allowing them to sell packaged liquor for carry-out. If the Pour House wishes to change their Class of liquor license to Class AA, the additional fee over their Class A fee of \$600 will be prorated for this year through Dec. 31.

At last month's meeting, Fire Chief Lloyd Smith presented information regarding regulations, procedures and owner forms for controlled burns that the City of Hoopeston has adopted. Chief Smith has been approached by 2 Rossville property owners regarding practicing controlled burns on their property. Mayor Queen did not feel the Village of Rossville should adopt these regulations since the Fire District is a separate taxing body and should have insurance to cover such practices. Other board members agreed to not take any action regarding controlled burns.

Demolition Bids for a Dangerous Building located at 404 N. Church-The building at 404 N. Church has been deemed a Dangerous Building. The procedures for a dangerous building have begun, notices have been placed on the property, have been placed in the newspaper and certified mailed to owners or lienholders. Owners have until July 19<sup>th</sup> to make repairs before the demolition can begin. Bids for the demolition were as follows:

A.J. Hetrick Enterprises	\$11,500
Owens Excavating & Trucking	\$12,800
ARD Farms	\$14,100

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to award the bid to A.J. Hetrick Enterprises with a bid of \$11,500. Vote: Cornell, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Queen, yes.

Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Surplus Property (2015 Ford F250 Truck) – An ordinance was presented to authorize the sale of a Village-owned 2015 Ford F250 truck. Trustee Maden presented some BlueBook trade-in values and private sale estimates for the truck. Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Leaver to adopt the ordinance and advertise the truck for sale with a minimum bid of \$15,000, accept bids until 5 p.m. on August 19, 2019 and open bids at the regular board meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on August 19, 2019. Vote: Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Queen, yes. Ordinance 2019-09 passed.

Bids for Village-Owned Property located at 121 E. Attica – There were not enough elected officials present to pass an ordinance for the sale of the property if approved. The matter will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Discuss Allowing a Resident to Rebuild a Garage on Existing Concrete – Jody Sageman has a garage that sits close to the alley. Mrs. Sageman would like to demolish the current garage and build the same size garage on the same concrete pad. Mayor Queen spoke with Randy Lusk, Village building inspector, regarding the matter. Mayor Queen stated a building permit request needs to be completed then Mr. Lusk will measure how close the building is to the alley. If the building is too close to the alley, Mrs. Sageman will need to apply for a variance with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

106 E. Attica building – Mayor Queen updated board members on the status of the building repair at 106 E. Attica. Trustee Maden suggested getting in writing a plan of repairs. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to declare the building located at 106 E. Attica Street as a dangerous building. Vote: Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Buck, yes; Queen, yes. Mayor Queen will discuss the matter with the Village attorney.

124 E. Attica – Mayor Queen had been contacted by the owner of 124 E. Attica. The owner asked if the Village would be interested in purchasing the property. Board members were not interested at this time.

A complaint was lodged against the property, located at 132 E. Attica, regarding cleaning up the property. Chief Kelnhofer will be asked to send the owner a 5 day notice to clean up the property.

Finance & Purchasing Committee Chairman Leaver had nothing further to report at this time.

Streets & Alleys Committee – Trustee Cornell announce cleanup has begun at the pond. The company will return next Monday for another application of chemical if the oxygen level is not too low. Trustee Cornell asked if the flower bed at the village office could be cleaned up.

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Chairpersons for the Police, Health & Safety, Water & Sewer, Gas and Public Improvements Committees had nothing to report at this time.

Bobbette Gammon stated the police officers are doing a good job.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk

Board approved: 8-19-19