

**Village of Rossville**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 16, 2021**

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 Black, Daniel, Cornell, Hackett, Gammon and Sturm physically present.

Guests present were Clerk White, Kenneth Gammon, Jeremy Deck, Doug Toole, Branda Adams-Keep Vermillion County Beautiful, Matt Johnson and Shawn Cade.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held July 19, 2021 and special board meeting held July 26, 2021 were presented. Trustee Black asked for an update on the pigeon situation. Mayor Queen asked the Village Attorney, Andrew Mudd, if the Village is responsible to correct the pigeon issue. Mayor Queen stated that Mr. Mudd stated the Village is not responsible to take action but can issue tickets to the owner until the situation is corrected. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Daniel to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them with an omnibus vote as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes.

It was also asked if anything has been received in regards to a repair estimate for the east wall of 104 E. Attica. Mayor Queen has not received an estimate from Justin Acton.

Treasurer Ault's written report for July 2021 was presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to accept the July 2021 report as presented. Vote: Hackett; yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed earlier in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting. A dormant account at Iroquois Federal is in need of a deposit or withdrawal to post activity. Committee members discussed authorize the issuance of a check for \$100 for deposit in the dormant account. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Black to approve the bills, including the check for \$100 to be issued to Iroquois Federal for the dormant account, and pay as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Trustee Hackett asked if the tar and chip program is scheduled. Mayor Queen was not aware of a date yet.

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

Police Chief Kelnhofers report – Chief Kelnhofers included in his report a proposed copy of a policy for use of spike strips. Trustee Black will check with Chief Kelnhofers to see if there is a need to include the policy for use of spike strips in the Police Policies and Procedures manual. There were no further comments on Chief Kelnhofers report.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$25,319.41. There were 5 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$2,351.25 to make the total accounts receivable \$27,670.66. There were no utility accounts disconnected last month.

Matt Johnson, engineer from Fehr-Graham, explained the Park Street lift station pumps sewerage to the sewer plant. The manholes in the area of the lift station overflow during wet weather. The Illinois EPA is aware the manholes overflow frequently and attempts have been made to correct the problem. The proposed Park Street lift station project will increase the capacity the lift station can pump. The scope of the project is to replace the lift station above ground and later replace the 8" pipe to the sewer plant with a 12" pipeline which will double the capacity. Bids have been advertised and were opened on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the village office. The material budget was increased 30% due to increased cost of materials. The early cost estimate was \$539,000. The low bid was \$746,610. Mr. Johnson passed out a handout on the annual operating budget for the lift station project. USDA financing terms for the lift station project have been approve up to \$1,000,000 for 38 years at an interest rate of 1.25%. The Village has been approved by the USDA for financing of the total project, lift station and replacing the main to the sewer plant, for up to \$1,718,000. After the low bid is accepted, an ordinance will be required to be passed to authorize the issuance of up to \$1,718,000 sewerage system revenue bonds to defray costs of construction of the sewerage system facilities and a loan resolution. After approval, a closing will be scheduled so the money will be available, issue a Notice Of Award for the

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lift station project, set up bonds, schedule a pre-construction meeting, Notice to Proceed and review the submittals. It will be at least the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 before work will begin on the project.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to \$1,718,000 sewerage system revenue bonds of the Village of Rossville for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving and extending sewerage system facilities, and related matters was presented. Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Hackett to adopt the ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to \$1,718,000 sewerage system revenue bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving and extending the Rossville sewerage system facilities and related matters. Vote: Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes. Ordinance 2021-14 passed.

A loan resolution, authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost, up to \$1,718,000, of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving and/or extending a Village of Rossville facility, was presented. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Daniel to approve the loan resolution to incur indebtedness of up to \$1,718,000 for the cost to construct, enlarge, improve and/or extend a Village of Rossville facility. Vote: Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes. Resolution 2021-07 passed.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to issue a Notice of Award to Cross Construction for the bid of \$746,610. Vote: Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes.

Doug Toole, Keep Vermilion County Beautiful and the Vermilion County Health Department, reported there will be a Tire Collection, which is open to municipalities but not open to the public, within the first 2 weeks of October to be held at the Danville Township Garage. A date has not been scheduled at this time. Also, an Electronics Collection will be held on the DACC parking lot on October 16, 2021.

Brenda Adams, Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, reminded board members that membership dues will be due soon. Ms. Adams explained the different levels of membership. Ms. Adams stated the Board has changed their meeting dates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 5 p.m. Beautification grants may be applied for. The cost of replacing trees can be a purpose for a Beautification Grant.

Discussion was held on whether to purchase 2 properties from the Vermilion County Tax Sale-404 N. Church and 213 Stewart. The Village of Rossville had demolished buildings on both properties and placed demo liens on both properties. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Hackett to decline purchasing 404 N. Church and 213 Stewart. Vote: Sturm, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes. The Vermilion County Tax Trustee will be notified of the Board's decision.

A request was received through the Village website, from Ryan McQueeney, who has received a cannabis license from the State of Illinois to operate a cannabis dispensary in Vermilion County. Mr. McQueeney inquired to see if Rossville is open to having a cannabis dispensary located in Rossville and if so, whether there are zoning limitations on where one could be located. If interested, the Village Board would need to establish ordinances regarding the operation and license fees for a cannabis dispensary. Mayor Queen will invite Mr. McQueeney to the next regular board meeting to discuss details.

Finance & Purchasing Committee- Trustee Hackett had nothing further to report.

Streets & Alleys Committee- Trustee Cornell had nothing to report at this time.

Police, Health & Safety Committee- Trustee Black reported the Committee has reviewed, for the police department, the job descriptions, performance review forms and discussed the new squad. One more update needs to be completed in order to finalize previously discussed topics.

Water & Sewer Committee – Trustee Daniel reported the water leak at 216 Henderson was repaired today.

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

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Public Improvements Committee – Trustee Gammon requested tabling discussion about the tree stump removal bids. The Committee met previously and recommend improving the Village-owned property at 122 E. Attica as a parking lot. The property at 122 E. Attica would provide twice the number of parking spaces than 121 E. Attica. The village office driveway would provide access to the parking lot. The Village maintenance employees can cut the lot 8” deep and fill with rock, which could be driven over until the Village decides which surface would be best to use on top of the rock. The fence will be removed and placed on the east side of 122 E. Attica, a tree will be cut and a catch basin will be installed. Motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Black to concur with the committee recommendations to improve 122 E. Attica as a parking lot, Village employees to cut the lot 8” deep and fill with rock, install a catch basin, have the fence moved from the west side to east side of property and cut a tree. Vote: Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Sturm, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes.

Trustee Gammon spoke with Bank of Rantoul representatives about Hub City Media employees using a portion of Bank of Rossville’s parking lot to park in.

Trustee Gammon also spoke with Rosella Ray regarding the Beautification Committee.

Jeremy Deck would like to open a gaming parlor in the Village of Rossville. Mr. Deck is seeking a building to locate his potential business, which would house 6 gaming machines, sell alcohol, pop and water with potential hours of Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Shawn Cade stated 6 is the maximum number of machines a business can be licensed for.

Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Sturm to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Sturm, yes; Daniel, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris White  
Village Clerk

Board approved 9-20-21