

Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 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, Mahorney, Richison and Leaver were physically present.

Guests present were Clerk White, Rosella Ray, Marilyn Danner, Lynn Kinnett, Marilyn Kinnett, Bobbette Gammon, Gary Dugger and Donna Dugger.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held July 15, 2019 were presented. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Maden to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. All members voted yes.

Treasurer Ault's written report for July was presented. Trustee Maden requested the name of the Meter, Hydrant Sinking Fund title be changed to Meter Sinking Fund as approve months ago. Clerk White will make sure the Sinking Fund title is amended. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Buck to accept the treasurer's report as amended. Vote: Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes, Mahorney, 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, including the Carle invoice that was tabled at last month's meeting. Vote: Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes; Richison, yes; Buck, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – Mayor Queen reported, according to Superintendent Lusk, Danner Construction is hoping to start the sidewalk project on Gilbert Street on Wednesday.

Sewer Operator's report – Sewer information was noted on Superintendent Lusk's written report.

Police Chief Kelnhofer's report – Due to Chief Kelnhofer being at National Guard, no report was presented. Trustee Maden has noticed a golf cart driving along Route 1, which is not legal, with small children standing up in back seat. Trustee Maden suggested to give all golf cart applicants a copy of the rules to operate a golf cart every time they apply for a Village golf cart sticker. Golf carts have been seen crossing Route 1 at every crossing. As stated in the ordinances, golf carts are permitted to only cross Route 1 where there is a 90 degree angle. In order for all shifts to be covered, Trustee Richison suggested investigating hiring another fulltime police officer. Trustee Maden suggested compiling the expense costs to hire another fulltime police officer and schedule a Health & Safety Committee meeting after Chief Kelnhofer returns.

Accounts Receivable -Collector White reported the utility accounts receivable total as \$18,516.45. There were 6 miscellaneous invoices totaling \$4,800, making the total accounts receivable as \$23,316.45. There were no disconnects this month. Clerk White has been in contact with a representative from CSX Railroad regarding the past due mowing invoices. The Village is not "under contract" with CSX for mowing. A new contract will be forwarded to the village office and hopefully the past invoices will be paid. A representative from Vision Property Management has the past due mowing invoices in the system and awaiting a check to be issued. Trustee Maden gave Clerk White a contact number for the Commerce Commission if the CSX bills do not get paid.

Bids for Village-Owned Property located at 121 E. Attica – One bid of \$550 was received from Tim DePuy, for the Village-Owned property, located at 121 E. Attica. The property was advertised for sale with a minimum bid of \$2,500. Rosella Ray asked if the Board would consider giving Mr. DePuy a change to increase his bid. Marilyn Danner stated the Board would be setting a precedence if they accept a bid under the minimum bid. Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Leaver to decline the bid and not accept the bid of \$550. Vote: Richison, yes; Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes. The property was not sold. Trustee Maden asked if the garage on the property is going to be torn down by Village employees since it was voted, at a previous board meeting, to be demolished for safety reasons. No answer was determined.

Bids for the 2015 Ford F250 truck – Three bids were received for the 2015 Ford F250 truck. They were as follows:

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Chris Olson	\$18,000
Gary Dugger	\$18,100.99
Daniel Carter	\$19,000

Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Richison to accept the bid of Daniel Carter for \$19,000 and authorize Mayor Queen to sign all documents on behalf of the Village regarding the sale of the truck. Vote: Buck, yes; Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes; Richison, yes.

Mayor Queen announced there will be a meeting regarding beautification of the Village-Owned downtown properties on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the village office. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend and bring their ideas. Mayor Queen will verify that TIF funds may assist with costs for the project.

Electricity Prices for Village-Owned Properties that are not on the electric aggregation program-Prices for electricity supply for Village-Owned properties with lower consumption were presented for board review. Jerod McMorris from Good Energy, Village electric aggregation representative, gathered prices for Village properties from 5 companies. The Village of Rossville is under contract with Constellation until July of 2020. Prices presented by Mr. McMorris were prices to begin July 2020 and each year for 3 years afterward. Current electric aggregation company, Homefield Energy, proposed the lowest price per kilowatt hour. Prices had not been received from Constellation yet. The matter will be tabled until next month.

Finance & Purchasing Committee – Chairman Leaver reported a letter was received from the Bank of Rantoul regarding action required for a General Fund premier account that is inactive (no deposits or withdrawals have been made in 3 years). The letter could be signed acknowledging no activity or a CD could be purchased with the funds, which would pay a higher interest rate. Board members were presented with CD rates from Iroquois Federal and Bank of Rantoul. Motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Maden to purchase a CD at Iroquois Federal, in the amount of \$182,000 for 15 months at 1.81% APY and deposit the remaining balance of the account in the universal checking account. Vote: Leaver, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Mahorney, yes; Richison, yes; Buck, yes. Clerk White announced the auditor will be at the next regular board meeting to present the fiscal year 2019 audit.

Streets & Alleys Committee – The company treated the pond with more chemical for algae on July 22nd.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Chairman Buck reported a committee meeting will be scheduled when Chief Kelnhofer returns and request a monthly police report of activity from officers during Chief Kelnhofer's absence.

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

Trustee Richison requested a status report of the property at 106 E. Attica. The owners have 60 days to make the correct repairs to the building or a court order may be obtained to remove the residents from the property. Residents reported a mold odor was smelled coming from that property during the street dance. Mayor Queen stated Superintendent Lusk will have to inspect and approve the repairs.

Bobbette Gammon asked if the mobile home at 207 Green is on the dangerous building list to remove or repair. Trustee Richison stated the new owner of the property is planning to have the trailer removed and destroyed.

Marilyn Danner stated the "Hoarders" building (103 S. Chicago) is in questionable condition. Mrs. Danner asked if the Village can intercede sooner than later in getting the building repaired so the building does not get any worse. Mayor Queen did not believe the Village can go into a property without landowners' permission to inspect the buildings. Rosella Ray stated her insurance company has an inspector come annually to inspect her building.

Rosella Ray thanked the Village for getting the addresses on Watson Drive corrected. The houses were re-addressed since some of the addresses had an "A" on the end and the 911 system did not recognize them in cases of emergency and emergency personnel were sent to the wrong addresses. Mrs. Ray asked if the Village could order a new street sign for Watson Drive since the sign has been missing for quite a while. Also, Mrs. Ray stated the Stewart Street sign has been missing too.

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Mrs. Ray asked to have her water service at 113 S. Chicago turned on. Repairs and improvements have been made to the building since the fire. Clerk White will write a work order for Superintendent Lusk to turn on the water service as requested.

Mrs. Ray also requested the Village maintenance workers to mow behind the fence on Village property, located at 107-111 E. Attica Street. Mrs. Ray and Margaret Trunnell have been mowing the weeds to keep it looking nice.

Lynn Kinnett stated she appreciates the needed service of a police officer sitting in front of the grade school, along Route 1, on school days, to slow traffic down when students are crossing Route 1 going to and from school.

Marilyn Danner asked is the Village could require proof of insurance on the downtown buildings prior to supplying utilities. Board members were not sure if that would be legal or not but will investigate the possibility.

Marilyn Danner stated the house at 217 Perry Street needs condemned. According to Mrs. Danner, animals are getting in the structure through a hole in the roof.

Mrs. Danner also spoke to Mr. McCool, owner of 124 E. Attica about beautifying the downtown area. Mrs. Danner noticed some trees growing in the fence between Mr. McCool's property and the Village's property at 122 E. Attica. Mrs. Danner asked Mr. McCool if he would grant the Village of Rossville permission to clean the fence line of trees/weeds and if the fence needed removed, if the Village could do that also. Mayor Queen explained to Mrs. Danner that Mr. McCool came to him and asked if the Village of Rossville would consider buying the 124 E. Attica property from him. The Village Board of Trustees discussed the matter at last month's meeting and had declined purchasing the property.

Motion was made by Mahorney, seconded by Maden to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Maden, yes; Cornell, yes; Maden, yes; Leaver, yes; Buck, yes; Richison, yes; Mahorney, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved: 9/16/2019