

**Village of Rossville  
Special Board Meeting  
April 29, 2022  
6:10 p.m.**

Mayor Queen called the special board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois. The special board meeting was called to reappoint the treasurer, collector, deputy clerk/collector, superintendent, chief of police and ESDA Coordinator, budget amendment ordinance for FY2022, salary ordinance for FY2023, budget ordinance for FY2023, approve utility account write-offs, discuss the Hummer and Kia storage and update on 106 E. Attica.

Members physically present – Mayor Queen, Trustees Gammon, Cornell, Hackett, Black, Daniel

Members absent – Trustees Sturm

Guests present – Clerk White

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Appointments – Mayor Queen reappointed Bridget Ault as Treasurer, Chris White as Collector, Kathy Rife as Deputy Collector, Randy Lusk as Superintendent, Chris Kelnhofer as Chief of Police and Mike Bray as ESDA Coordinator. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Hackett to concur with Mayor Queen’s appointments. Vote: Daniel, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes.

FY2022 Budget Amendment Ordinance – The budget amendment ordinance for FY22 was presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to adopt the budget amendment ordinance for FY22 as presented. Vote: Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Daniel, yes. Ordinance 2022-01 passed.

Salary Ordinance for FY23 – The salary ordinance for FY23 was presented. Board members were given previously spreadsheets with proposed payroll increases-1) suggested by supervisor, chairperson or Mayor, 2) 3% for all and 3) \$1 per hour wage increase. After discussion on wage increases, a motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Hackett to approve a 3% wage increase for all employees except Lacy Greene to receive a 5% wage increase, Kathy Rife (at \$13 per hour) to receive a \$1 per hour wage increase and Water Operator Steve Baker to receive \$50 per pay increase (from \$250 to \$300). Vote: Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, no; Gammon, yes.

Trustee Black stated he would recommend Kathy Rife receive a \$2 increase to raise her to \$15 per hour. Trustee Gammon amended her motion to increase Kathy Rife’s hourly wage \$2 to \$15 per hour, Lacy Greene to increase 5% and everyone else 3%. Motion was seconded by Trustee Black. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes. Ordinance 2022-02 passed as amended.

FY23 Budget Ordinance - The estimated revenues and proposed FY23 budget ordinance were presented. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Cornell to adopt the FY23 Budget Ordinance as presented. Vote: Hackett, yes; Cornell, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes. Ordinance 2022-03 passed.

Utility Write-Offs – Collector White submitted 10 utility accounts that are uncollectable as of April 30, 2022. The accounts are from 2017-2018. The total amount of proposed write-offs is \$2,284.86. Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Gammon to approve the utility write-off amount of \$2,284.86 for 10 accounts. Vote: Cornell, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes; Hackett, yes.

Discussion was held on what to do with the Hummer and seized 2022 Kia for storage. The 2022 Kia was towed due to PNT (Public Nuisance Tow) and has now been seized by the Village of Rossville. The Kia is currently being stored in Hoopeston but needs to be moved soon. Board members suggested getting rid of the Hummer, place it back on the site, for the program the Hummer was found, to see if another municipality or organization wants the Hummer. Chief Kelnhofer will be asked to place the Hummer back on the site to look for a new recipient.

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106 E. Attica-Mayor Queen reported Village attorney, Andy Mudd, has recorded the lien on 106 E. Attica for the demolition/clean-up of 106 E. Attica. The Village will have to wait 90 days to begin foreclosure procedures, which could take 45-60 days.

103 S. Chicago-The deed and letter authorizing Justin Taylor to have access to 103 S. Chicago, for 90 days, to clean out the building, have been received from Village attorney, Andy Mudd. Once the deed has been signed, the deed will not be recorded until after Mr. Taylor's 90-day access period has expired.

Motion was made by Hackett, seconded by Cornell to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes; Hackett, yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk

Board approved 5-16-22