

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the August 22, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

President Jesse Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Erine Adams, Marc McKee, Jesse Carlson, Jon Michael Suvada and Mike Butler. Absent: Joan Murphy. Others present were: Krista Tacey, Diane Lippert, Bruce Rendon, Kathy Pardo-Carlson, Bruce Yannatta, Pam Ostling, Bethany Crawford, Dan Fishel and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by President Carlson.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on a proposed Ethics Ordinance was held from 7:00 PM – 7:13 PM.

Public Comments:

Kathy Pardo-Carlson: Commented on who determines what is a violation, harassment of public officials and employees, countermeasures to protect people who are falsely accused and/or harassed, provisions that prevents someone filing multiple complaints against one person.

Jon Michael Suvada: Responded to public comments. Informed everyone that complaints would be brought before Council.

Joan Murphy entered the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Erine Adams: Questioned whether a time frame should be added. She had questions regarding the definition of censure.

Bruce Yannatta: Asked if there would be a special meeting called when a violation is brought before Council.

Mike Butler: Commented on the censure. Informed everyone that besides a recall, the Governor is the only one that can remove someone from office.

Bruce Rendon: Believes the Council is on the right track. Reported that Mike Butler is correct in that the Governor is the only one that can remove someone from office.

Joan Murphy: Questioned whether or not this Ethics Ordinance supercedes the State's ordinance.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Butler, seconded by Adams, to approve the Regular Agenda. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Bruce Rendon: Requested to speak to the Council and the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

The C2AE bill authorized by Tim Sadowski was questioned. It was requested that the Clerk call and find out when it was authorized. The bill was removed from "bills to be paid".

Moved by Adams, seconded by Suvada, to accept the consent agenda including the Minutes of the August 6, 2011 Special Meeting, Minutes of the August 18, 2011 Cemetery Board Meeting,

Minutes of the August 7, 2011 Regular Meeting, bills to be paid in the amount of \$4,096.64 and checks written since last meeting in the amount of \$19,173.01. Ayes: McKee, Butler, Carlson, Suvada, Murphy and Adams. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Hall Report

Trustee Butler added that the roof on the vault in the cemetery and the roof on well #1 need to be replaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Butler reported that the Cemetery Board met and the Board will be meeting with people and getting ideas and costs for securing the cemetery.

Trustee Butler gave an update on the library.

Trustee Adams gave an update on the DDA meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Ethics Ordinance

Tabled until next meeting.

-AT&T Upgrade Request

President Carlson reported that this issue is tabled until the next meeting. The Village Attorney is reviewing the contract.

NEW BUSINESS

-Bruce Rendon

Introduced himself and spoke to his constituents regarding his term and experiences in Lansing.

-Pavilion Roof Bids (shingles)

No bids were received after two weeks of advertising. Trustee Butler would like to add two more roofs. President Carlson informed him that would be something to come up at budget time.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Suvada, to put another bid offer out for asphalt shingles for the pavilion in Wallace Park, due September 12, to be advertised in the Houghton Lake Resorter, The Voice, Channel 2 and the website. Ayes: Carlson, Adams, Suvada, Butler, McKee and Murphy. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Cemetery Lighting

Tabled until next meeting.

-Wallace Park (littering)

Trustee Murphy would like to see signs put up regarding littering, hours, dogs on leashes, cleaning up after dogs and no alcohol and consequences for violations. Trustee Suvada suggested the issue be sent to the Ordinance Committee.

-Village Manager

President Carlson informed Council that we are still waiting on the results of the background checks conducted by Pinkerton. There will be a special meeting scheduled to discuss references once background checks are complete.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bruce Yannatta: Commented on Wallace Park. He believes the idea about enforcement of the ordinance is probably the best idea. He reported that there are only a few people causing the problems in Wallace Park.

Beth Crawford: She believed the locks may not be working in the Wallace Park bathrooms as she sees people entering and exiting the bathrooms at all hours of the night. She also reported that there are parties held every weekend at Hiawatha Canoe Livery

Diane Lippert: Commented on the signs to be put in Wallace Park. She requested the signs have a positive spin on them. She believes the Council should also investigate having doggie bags at the park.

Trustee Adams: Complimented Dan Fishel on the cemetery article he wrote in The Voice.

Kathy Pardo-Carlson: Complimented Dan Fishel on the flowers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Murphy: Reported that she went to Subway and spoke with the manager about the garbage issue. She believes the issue has been resolved. Trustee Murphy also requested a copy of the policy book.

Dan Fishel: Complimented the DPW on their part for helping him with the flowers.

Trustee Suvada: Thanked Mr. Rendon for coming to the meeting.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Ethics Ordinance

Village Manager

Trustee Butler: Reported that he called the insurance company again regarding the cemetery.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Butler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. All in favor.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

These minutes subject to approval at the next council meeting.

Jesse M. Carlson
Village President

Dawn M. Dodge
Village Clerk