

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the August 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

President Jesse Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Jon Michael Suvada, Erine Adams, Jesse Carlson, Joan Murphy, Marc McKee and Mike Butler. Others present were: Pam Miller, Diane Lippert, Krista Tacey, Dave Hodges, Linda Mesler, Bruce Yannatta, Pam Ostling, Mary Lou Jennette, Eric Tiepel, Dan Fishel, Robert McClure, Doug Smith, Dan Fishel, Beth Crawford and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by President Carlson.

REGULAR AGENDA

President Carlson would like to add cemetery lighting to the Regular Agenda.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Butler, to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of cemetery lighting. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Doug Smith: Commented on garbage on the corner and garbage being stored inside a business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Murphy had questions regarding the attorney bill regarding the treasurer contacting the attorney.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Adams, to accept the consent agenda including the Minutes of the July 25, 2011 Regular Meeting, bills to be paid in the amount of \$12,300.30, checks written since last meeting in the amount of \$22,719.54 and the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Adams, Carlson, Murphy, Suvada and Butler. Nays: McKee. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Hall Report

Trustee Butler questioned whether or not the I-2000 site had been cleaned up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Suvada gave an update on the ordinance committee and ethics ordinance.

Trustee Suvada reported that the recreation committee had not met, but that the picnic table previously ordered had been delivered. There was discussion between Trustee Suvada and Dave Hodges (DPW) regarding installation of the picnic table.

Trustee Butler gave an update on the library.

President Carlson would like to add the Firemen's Memorial Committee request to New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Sheriff's Department Report

Deputy Tiepel gave the Sheriff's Department Report.

-I-2000 Tower Site

The site has been cleaned up by I-2000.

-Ethics Ordinance

A copy of the proposed ethics ordinance is attached to the agenda. Gerard Brabant has reviewed the ordinance. President Carlson would like the council to review it as well. There will be a public hearing set for the ethics ordinance for August 22, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

-Gravel Bids

President Carlson read the two gravel bids.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to accept the bid for gravel from S & J Excavating for \$13 a yard with a total cost of \$1,300. Ayes: McKee, Adams, Murphy, Suvada, Butler and Carlson. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Ordinance & Policy Committee: Appoint new Chairperson

President Carlson recommended Trustee Suvada be appointed Chairperson of the Ordinance and Policy Committee.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by McKee, to appoint Jon Michael Suvada Chairperson of the Ordinance and Policy Committee. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

-AT&T Upgrade Request

President Carlson asked Dave Hodges information about the AT&T request attached to the agenda. President Carlson would like to send the information to Gerard Brabant, Village Attorney, for review and table this issue until the next meeting.

-Trash Pick-up (Marc McKee)

Trustee McKee brought to the Council's attention the fact that a local business is leaving their trash on the sidewalk for extended periods of time. Trustee Suvada and President Carlson will make a personal trip to the business to see if the issue can be resolved.

-Village Council Vacancy

Moved by Suvada, seconded by Murphy, to advertise for a new Village Council Trustee in the Voice and Houghton Lake Resorter, post it on Channel 2 and the website, to include Steve Morris's end of term, due by August 31, 2011. Ayes: Carlson, Adams, Suvada, Butler, McKee and Murphy. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Village Manager: Candidate Selection

Trustee Suvada announced that Allen Lowe, Erine Adams and Wanda Darrow were the three candidates chosen to receive a second interview. He also explained that a grading system was used similar to the one the steering committee used. President Carlson and Trustee Suvada will be doing the reference checks. President Carlson will instruct Nicole to send letters to those not chosen and he will be contacting Pinkerton regarding the background checks.

-Lighting in Cemetery

The cemetery committee will work on a date to have a meeting and discuss lighting in the cemetery.

-Letter from Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee

Moved by Butler, seconded by Adams, to accept the plans and dates for the Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee parade as presented. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Doug Smith: Commented on Subway's garbage.

Linda Mesler: Commented on the cemetery lighting. Questioned the AT&T upgrade.

Mary Lou Jennette: Questioned whether or not there was a deadline set for hiring the Village Manager.

Beth Crawford: Complaints about the drinking alcohol and vandalism at Wallace Park.

Dan Fishel: E-mailed Nicole regarding dogs being walked in Wallace Park. (E-mails were in the communications folder). Informed the Council that the Voice is not a legal newspaper yet.

Dave Hodges: Commented on the cemetery lights. Commented on the trash situation.

Commented on the status of the storage shed next to BC Pizza.

Doug Smith: Commented on outdoor seating at BC pizza. Commented on zoning.

Bruce Yannata: Would like more copies of the agenda available at the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Murphy: Questioned whether or not the canoe liveries paid their annual fee.

Trustee Adams: Thanked the Council for choosing her as a finalist. Voiced her support to President Carlson for attempting to run the meetings in the correct format.

Trustee Suvada: Commented on the DPW report.

Trustee McKee: Commented on the shed.

Trustee Butler: Agreed with the way the meetings are now being conducted.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Contract for AT&T

Cemetery lighting

Ethics ordinance

Ordinance for outdoor services – clarity on the ordinance

Wallace Park littering

Moved by Butler, seconded by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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