

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the December 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Diane Lippert, Jon Michael Suvada, Erine Adams, Michael Butler, Bruce Yannatta, Marc McKee. Others present were: Janae Ostling, Desiree Marshall, Dave Hodges, Kathy Murphy, Nancy Hodges, Douglas Hodges, Tony Medina, Chris Inhulsen, AJ Palmerton, Shaun Hand, Jim Ostling, Pam Ostling, Mary Lou Jennette, Linda Mesler, Krista Tacey, Sue Jock, Jim Anderson, Carol Garlo, Kathy Pardo-Carlson, Jesse Carlson and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Trustee Butler.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to approve the Regular Agenda. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Dan Fishel: Requested the Village hold a town hall meeting where the public is allowed to speak.

Trustee Murphy entered the meeting at 7:05 AM.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Butler, seconded by Yannatta, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: McKee, Butler, Lippert, Adams and Yannatta. Nays: Suvada and Murphy. The motion carried.

Trustee Murphy questioned Nicole Crespo's check, the life insurance bill and whether or not the manager scrutinized the checks written. All questions and concerns from Trustee Murphy were answered.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Deputy Palmerton gave the sheriff's department report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Lowe informed the council that they have a hand-out regarding the equipment fund. Reported on the township meeting he attended. Informed the council that the FEMA ordinance needs to have additions. Asked if the council would like him to draft changes in the policy regarding part-time/seasonal/temporary employees. Dave Hodges provided an evaluation of an employee regarding a raise.

President Adams asked Jim Anderson to give a presentation to the council regarding the DDA. Jim Anderson, President of the DDA, explained the DDA to the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Butler reported that the cemetery committee will be meeting after the first of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Jim Ostling

Requested an answer from Trustee Murphy regarding what concerns she had regarding the sidewalk plowing. Trustee Murphy stated that she has been advised not to speak to Mr. Ostling or anyone else about this issue.

There was discussion regarding the sidewalk snow removal.

-AT&T Antennas

The manager is still awaiting more information. Tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

-2012 Meeting Schedule

Trustee Murphy informed the manager that August 6 should be August 13. Manager Lowe asked if the council would like to change the December 26 meeting date to December 27.

Moved by Butler, seconded by Suvada, to accept the meeting dates with the correction of August 13 and December 27 as the correct meeting dates. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

-MML Training Feedback

Trustees Yannatta, Lippert, McKee, Butler and President Adams gave a brief synopsis of the training they attended.

-Manager's Evaluation

President Adams asked for feedback as to how the council would like to proceed with the manager's evaluation. Tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Kathy Murphy: Questioned the Treasurer's Report.

Janae Ostling: Explained the changes that were made in the office regarding the Treasurer's Report.

Doug Hodges: Believes the new manager is doing a wonderful job. Would hate to see the sidewalks not get cleared this year after it has been done for several years now.

Carol Garlo: Commented on the Dollar General store.

Dan Fishel: Gave a history on the sidewalk snow plowing. Commented on the student's feedback in the last agenda.

Kathy Pardo-Carlson: Commented on her confidence regarding the office staff.

Kathy Murphy: Had questions for Jim Ostling regarding the sidewalk snow clearing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Suvada: Read a prepared letter.

Trustee McKee: Believes that Trustees Suvada and Murphy should have attended the MML training.

Trustee Lippert: Hopes that when the government class comes next time it will be a positive experience.

Trustee Yannatta: Nice to see so many residents at the meeting.

President Adams: Would like to attempt to get the person who taught parliamentary procedure come to the Village to do in-house training.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

President Adams: The manager has the list.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn M. Dodge
Village Clerk