

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the February 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Jon Michael Suvada, Joan Murphy, Erine Adams, Marc McKee, Diane Lippert, Bruce Yannatta. Absent: Michael Butler. Others present were: David Naczas, Scott Marshall, Sierra James, Don Dixon, Pam Ostling, Jim Ostling, Robert Edwards, Janae Ostling, Krista Tacey-Cater, Kathy Murphy, Connie Allen, Devin MacDonald, Mary Lou Jennette, Beth Shannon, Carissa Lamphere, Tessa Richards, Mana Cristina Garcia Boo, Okka Mennenga, Jim Andersen, Rosalie Myers, Linda Mesler, Sue Jock, Carl Jock, Brian Westphal, Dan Fishel and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Manager Lowe.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Don Dixon: Spoke against combining the clerk and treasurer offices.
Linda Mesler: Echoed Don Dixon's statements.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by McKee, seconded by Yannatta, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Murphy, Suvada, Adams, McKee, Yannatta and Lippert. Nays: None. Absent: Butler. The motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no one from the sheriff's department in attendance. The report was in the agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The auditor is coming Wednesday. Manager Lowe asked the newspapers if they would print the fact that many Village buildings do not have house numbers and would like to remind people that it can be a safety issue regarding emergency services.
Manager Lowe prepared a chart to clear up confusion due to the article in the newsletter. He reported that the Village is in sound financial shape.
Manager Lowe attended a webinar today regarding the state's financial condition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Adams gave an update on the cemetery board.
Trustee Suvada informed the council that the engineering committee will be meeting Thursday at 10 AM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Jim Anderson – DDA

Jim Anderson, President of the DDA, spoke regarding the history of the DDA and answered questions from council members.

-Rosalie Myers – County Marketing Committee

Rosalie Myers spoke regarding the county-wide marketing committee and marketing grants that have been received. She would like to see a councilmember attend the meetings. Diane Lippert would like to attend the meetings if possible with her work schedule.

-Bob Edwards – Train Club Project

Spoke regarding his “Dream Team” and acquiring the Spirit of Traverse City train.

-Bev Luther – Taking a Visionary Stand

Bev Luther was not in attendance.

-Chamber of Commerce Membership

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by McKee, to approve the contract with the Chamber of Commerce through January 31, 2013. Ayes: Yannatta, Murphy, Suvada, Adams, Lippert and McKee. Nays: None. Absent: Butler. The motion carried.

-Appoint Recreation Committee Members

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by Murphy, to appoint Sue Jock and Connie Allen to the Recreation Committee. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

-Town Meeting

Manager Lowe will contact Marlyn Bird at the CRAF center to set a date of Monday, March 19 for the Town Hall Meeting.

-M-18 Stumps

There is a proposal in the packet regarding stumping of the M-18 property.

NEW BUSINESS

-Combine Clerk and Treasurer Offices

Trustee Suvada presented information regarding combining the two offices. The council members expressed their opinions.

Moved by Suvada, seconded by Murphy, to have Manager Lowe perform a feasibility study of combining the two positions and making the positions appointed. Ayes: Suvada and Murphy. Nays: McKee, Adams, Yannatta and Lippert. Absent: Butler. The motion failed.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sue Jock: Benefits.

Scott Marshall: Roscommon County Weekly, Chamber of Commerce.

Connie Allen: Business Expo, Business After Hours.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee McKee: Thanking the President.
Trustee Yannatta: Article in the Voice.
Trustee Lippert: Thanked Trustee Suvada.
Trustee Suvada: Taxes and services.
Trustee Murphy: Economy.
President Adams: Clothes drive.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Benefits for elected officials

Moved by McKee, seconded by Yannatta, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. All in favor.
Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn M. Dodge
Village Clerk