

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON  
Minutes of the July 22, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Diane Lippert, Linda Mesler, Jesse Carlson, Erine Adams, Bruce Yannatta, Marc McKee and Mark Larsen. Also present: Chris Fishell, Louanne Wilson, Joanne Lederman, Tony Medina, Joan Murphy, Krista Tacey-Cater and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Manager Lowe.

CONSENT AGENDA

The council received a copy of additional bills from the Clerk. Moved by McKee, seconded by Yannatta, to approve the Consent Agenda, including bills to be paid, with additions, in the amount of \$13,196.07. Ayes: Yannatta, Carlson, Lippert, Adams, Mesler, McKee and Larsen. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

President Adams added budget concerns, DPW tour and chickens under New Business in the Regular Agenda. Moved by Carlson, seconded by McKee, to approve the Regular Agenda. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Louanne Wilson: Would like the Village to allow chickens.  
Joan Murphy: Informed everyone she knows the history regarding the animal ordinance.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**-Approve Budget Amendments**

Moved by Lippert, seconded by McKee, to approve the Resolution dated July 22, 2013 amending the Village Budget. Ayes: McKee, Larsen, Yannatta, Mesler, Carlson, Adams and Lippert. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-Attendees to MML Convention**

Trustee McKee and Trustee Carlson are interested in attending and want to look at the agenda. Tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

**-Update on Infrastructure Projects**

Tabled until next meeting.

**-Zoning Map Recommended Changes**

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by Mesler, to accept the Planning Commission's recommended changes to the zoning map and amend Ordinance #22. Ayes: McKee, Lippert, Yannatta, Adams, Larsen, Carlson and Mesler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### **-DDA Projects**

President Adams informed the council that the DDA would like input on future projects and would like to have open communication.

#### **-Volunteer Driver Policy**

Trustee McKee informed the Council that Dan Fishel does not want to give his personal information to the Village.

Joanne Lederman asked for an explanation. Manager Lowe explained the reason for the policy and included a draft of the policy for the council to review. Tabled until next meeting.

#### **-Budget Approval Schedule**

Manager Lowe presented the council with a proposed budget workshop schedule.

#### **-Budget Concerns**

President Adams gave the Council an opportunity to voice their opinions or concerns.

#### **-DPW Tour**

Dave Hodges has offered to give the Council a tour of the DPW facilities at 6 PM on August 12. Moved by Lippert, seconded by Mesler, to change the regular meeting time on August 12 to 6 PM. Ayes: Larsen, Mesler, Adams, Lippert, Yannatta and McKee. Nays: Carlson. The motion carried.

#### **-Chickens**

Trustee McKee asked to have this on the agenda and would like the Village to consider allowing chickens in the Village.

Moved by McKee, seconded by Lippert, to accept the allowed usage of chickens in the Village. Ayes: Larsen and McKee. Nays: Carlson, Lippert, Adams, Mesler and Yannatta. Motion failed. After discussion, President Adams requested Manager Lowe to do some research. Tabled until next meeting.

#### **PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Joan Murphy: Questioned whether there was a lot of opposition from residents when the sidewalks and landscaping were done and who they complained to. Questioned whether or not the Village was still participating in the Spicer Group Plan. Questioned whether the Council is considering abolishing the whole animal ordinance. Questioned who does the inspections for blight in the Village. Reported that Second Street in front of the Sheriff's Department is in bad condition.

Joanne Lederman: Thanked Tony Medina for his work on the flowers. Informed the council that the school board building can only be used for educational purposes if sold. Questioned the status on the wooden billboard sign.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee McKee: It takes time to take care of violations.

Trustee Mesler: Thanked Allen for the hard work.

Trustee Lippert: Thanks to everyone that helps with the flowers. Thanks for the farm market.

Trustee Yannatta: Thanks for the flowers. Canoe race is this weekend. Buy locally.

President Adams: Thanks for the flowers.

Trustee McKee: Thanked Dan Fishel for cutting grass near the CRAF center on the day of the art festival.

Joanne Lederman: Dan Fishel cleaned out the garden at the CRAF Center for Memorial Day.

Trustee Carlson: Thanks for the flowers. His family had a cow in the Village years ago. The council will look into the chicken situation.

### ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Manager has the list of carried-over items.

Joan Murphy: Asked whether or not she had read the minutes correctly where it was stated by a councilmember that the council should not vote on an agenda item the night of a meeting, but should give it time to think about things before voting on an issue.

### CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Moved by McKee, seconded by Mesler, to enter closed session at 8:17 PM for purpose of reviewing the July 8, 2013 closed meeting minutes. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Closed session held from 8:17 PM – 8:20 PM.

Moved by Carlson, seconded by Lippert, to accept the minutes of the closed session meeting of July 8, 2013. Ayes: Lippert, Mesler, Carlson, Adams, Yannatta, Larsen. Nays: McKee. The motion carried.

Moved by Carlson, seconded by McKee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams  
Village President

Dawn Dodge  
Village Clerk