

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Bruce Yannatta, Linda Mesler, Jon Suvada, Erine Adams, Diane Lippert, Marc McKee and Jesse Carlson (arrived at 7:34 PM). Others present were: Sue Jock, Krista Tacey-Cater, Bob McClure, Doug Smith, Mike Butler, Chris Fishell, Kathy Murphy, Bev Luther, Doug Hodges, Nancy Hodges, Carey Grewe, Nikki Grewe, Mary Lou Bryce, Ruth Walczak and Dean Maeder. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Allen Lowe.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by McKee, seconded by Suvada, to accept the consent agenda with bills to be paid, with additions, in the amount of \$17,596.09 and checks written in the amount of \$36,372.14, as presented. Ayes: Suvada, McKee, Lippert, Adams, Mesler, Yannatta. Nays: None. Absent: Carlson. The motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Maeder gave the sheriff department's report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The manager gave his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery Board – Mike Butler reported that the chapel at the cemetery is in need of a new roof. President Adams requested the manager to ask the DPW if they would be capable of doing any of the repairs.

Recreation Committee – Trustee Yannatta reported on the meetings of the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Riverfest Wallace Park Activities

Carey Grewe had the events list for the Riverfest and answered questions from the council.

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by Suvada, to approve the use of Wallace Park contingent on the insurance policy being approved. Ayes: Yannatta, Mesler, McKee, Adams, Suvada and Lippert. Nays: None. Absent: Carlson. The motion carried.

-RMRA Bylaws

Moved by Suvada, seconded by Yannatta, to amend the resolution To Establish a Joint Park and Recreation Municipal Authority and to change the number of board members from 18 to 6 with three to be appointed from the village. Ayes: Suvada, McKee, Lippert, Adams, Mesler, Yannatta. Nays: None. Absent: Carlson. The motion carried.

Moved by Lippert, seconded by McKee, to adopt the new By-laws of the Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority with the correction of four year terms to three year terms. Ayes: Yannatta, Mesler, McKee, Adams, Suvada and Lippert. Nays: None. Absent: Carlson.

-Bidding Policy

Trustee Suvada would like the bidding policy changed to add language from Public Act 317. The manager explained that Public Act 317 does not talk about bidding. Trustee Suvada suggested it could be added to the Ethics Ordinance. An addition to the Ethics Ordinance will be added to the next agenda.

Moved by McKee, seconded by Lippert, to approve the bidding policy as presented. Ayes: Adams, Mesler, Suvada, Yannatta, Lippert, Carlson and McKee. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Ordinance No. 28

There was a discussion regarding permitting rabbits in the village. President Adams requested the manager to draft an amendment to the ordinance and tabled it until the next meeting.

-Employee Handbook

Manager Lowe pointed out there were inconsistencies in the employee handbook. Tabled until the next meeting.

-Public GIS Computer

Manager Lowe brought back the information he had received from his research.

-MML Meet Up

The manager informed the council of the next date for the meet up.

NEW BUSINESS

-Sewer Bond Millage

Moved by Suvada, seconded by McKee, to amend the 2012 Village of Roscommon Millage Rate Resolution for the Sewer Bond Debt from 3.35 mills to 2.5 mills. Ayes: McKee, Lippert, Carlson, Suvada, Mesler, Adams and Yannatta. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Roscommon County Transit Authority Sign Permit

Moved by McKee, seconded by Yannatta, to approve the sign permit application from the Roscommon County Transit Authority pending MDOT approval. Ayes: Lippert, Mesler, Suvada, Adams, Carlson, Yannatta and McKee. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-MML Fall Convention

The manager informed the council to consider budgeting money to send someone to the conference. President Adams is interested in attending.

-Kennel Ordinance

There was discussion regarding amending the Kennel Ordinance. Tabled until next meeting.

-Committee Accountability

Manager Lowe to give the council an explanation and details of the different committees.

-Firemen's Memorial Water Service

Doug Hodges from the Firemen's Memorial Committee gave a history on the water usage at the Training Grounds. Council would like more information regarding any other entities who pay the unmetered rate. Tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mike Butler: Would like someone to make a bid for the roof on the chapel. New locks needed on the doors of the chapel.

Kathy Murphy: Questions on the public hearing for rezoning the M-18 property.

Sue Jock: Questions about the Chapel, comments on the Tisdale Trail, does not believe anything should change regarding the Firemen's Memorial.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Suvada: Questioned what the Village was going to do about synthetic marijuana. Asked if the Ethics Ordinance is going to include the Public Act 317 language.

Trustee Mesler: Thanked the community members for their support.

Trustee Lippert: Commented on the Village Clean Up.

Trustee Yannatta: Commented on the Roscommon Recreation Guide created by Connie Allen. Happy to see good things in the local newspapers instead of the negative things.

President Adams: Welcomed Linda.

Trustee McKee: Commented on the Business After Hours event at Forest Dunes, sign at Hiawatha, questioned the unusually high gas prices in Roscommon.

Trustee Carlson: Asked if anyone was interested in going to the MML Meet Up.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Manager has the list.

Mary Lou Bryce: Outdoor seating.

Manager Lowe explained the process to change the zoning ordinance starts with the Planning Commission.

Ruth Walczak: Dairy Queen has outdoor seating.

Doug Smith: Questioned how often the Planning Commission reviews the zoning.

Mike Butler: Zoning.

Marc McKee: Zoning.

Sue Jock: Zoning.

Manager Lowe: Explained that at the last Planning Commission meeting, Doug Smith was told he simply needed to put something in writing.

Linda Mesler: Zoning.

President Adams: Zoning.

Moved by Carlson, seconded by McKee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn Dodge
Village Clerk