

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON  
Minutes of the June 25, 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 7:05 PM). Others present were: Krista Tacey-Cater, Chris Fishell, Bev Luther, Carl Jock and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Allen Lowe.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Lippert, seconded by McKee, 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 \$9,418.60, and checks written in the amount of \$25,997.71, as presented. Ayes: Adams, Yannatta, Suvada, Lippert, McKee and Mesler. Nays: None. Absent: Carlson. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The manager gave his report with the addition of blight letters, sidewalks, and Trustee Mesler requested the amount of our Fund Balance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery Board: Clerk Dodge reported on her attendance at the Michigan Municipal Cemetery Association Conference.

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

RMRA: President Adams informed the council that Higgins Township has also passed the By-Laws for RMRA.

DDA: President Adams gave a report on the DDA meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**-Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment**

There were questions regarding the sidewalk ordinance, section 4. Manager Lowe will get information from other communities.

Moved by Suvada, seconded by McKee, to amend Village Ordinance No. 21, the Sidewalk Ordinance, by striking "general fund" from sections 4 and 5 and inserting "appropriate street fund". Ayes: Mesler, Carlson, Lippert, McKee, Yannatta, Suvada, Adams. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-Kennel Ordinance Amendment**

Moved by Suvada, seconded by McKee, to amend Village Ordinance No. 23, the Kennel Ordinance, by striking references to “indoor kennels” as presented. Ayes: Adams, Mesler, Suvada, Yannatta, Lippert, Carlson and McKee. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-Ethics Ordinance Amendment**

Moved by McKee, seconded by Suvada, to amend Village Ordinance No. 84, the Ethics Ordinance, by inserting paragraph G as presented. Ayes: McKee, Lippert, Carlson, Suvada, Mesler, Adams, Yannatta. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-Animal Ordinance Amendment**

Moved by Lippert, seconded by McKee, to amend Village Ordinance No. 28, the Keeping of Animals Ordinance, by inserting the proposed language to allow rabbits to be kept in the Village under certain conditions. Ayes: Mesler, Lippert and McKee. Nays: Adams, Suvada, Yannatta and Carlson. The motion failed.

**-Reroofing Contract**

Moved by Suvada, seconded by Yannatta, to advertise for bids to re-shingle the cemetery chapel and well house No. 3 on the website and the Houghton Lake Resorter. Ayes: McKee, Lippert, Carlson, Suvada, Mesler, Adams and Yannatta. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-Fire Training Grounds Water**

There was discussion regarding charging the Firemen’s Memorial Committee the unmetered rate for water. No action was taken.

**-Employee Handbook Amendments**

Tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

**-Approve Auditor Contract**

Moved by McKee, seconded by Lippert, to accept the proposal from Baird, Cotter and Bishop for fiscal years 2012 through 2014 at a total cost of \$24,290.00. Ayes: Adams, Carlson, Lippert, Suvada, McKee, Mesler and Yannatta. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-M-18 Rezoning**

At the Planning Commission Hearing, the Planning Commission recommended to the Council to rezone the M-18 property.

Moved by Suvada, seconded by McKee, to amend Village Ordinance No. 22, the Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning map to rezone the 18 acres of Village property on South M-18 currently zoned Highway Commercial to Mixed Development. Ayes: Adams, Carlson, Lippert, Suvada, McKee, Mesler and Yannatta. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-Village Mapping Contract**

Moved by Lippert, seconded by Suvada, to amend the contract with Gosling Czubak for providing a base map with street, water and sewer layers from \$1,800 to \$2,275. Ayes: McKee, Adams, Yannatta, Lippert, Carlson, Suvada and Mesler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**-Downtown Business Inventory**

There was a discussion regarding rezoning the downtown.

**-Cemetery Millage**

There was a discussion regarding placing a cemetery millage on the ballot.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chris Fishell: Asked whether or not the cement flower containers could be painted.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Suvada: None.

Trustee Mesler: Appreciates the extra time to review the employee handbook.

Trustee Lippert: None.

Trustee Yannatta: Has a new appreciation for the watering of the flowers.

President Adams: None.

Trustee McKee: Apologized for complaining. Would have liked to have gone to the MML Meet Up, but had to work.

Trustee Carlson: Attended the MML Meet Up.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Manager has the list.

Moved by Carlson, seconded by Suvada, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams  
Village President

Dawn Dodge  
Village Clerk