

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the March 12, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Joan Murphy, Marc McKee, Mike Butler, Erine Adams, Jon Michael Suvada, Bruce Yannatta and Diane Lippert. Others present were: Scott Marshall, Bev Luther, Krista Tacey, Pam Ostling, Earl Deloge, Bill Tatrai, Shawn Hand, Linda Mesler, Jesse Carlson and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Trustee Butler.

President Adams added Town Hall Meeting under Unfinished Business.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Bev Luther: Comments on the Social Host Liability Awareness Month.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Tatrai presented the Sheriff Department's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

In addition to the written Manager's Report, Manager Lowe informed the council that the DDA Minutes are on the website, the DEQ cross-connection control program requirement, the MML training regarding the EVIP, alternative natural gas provider. Trustee Murphy had questions regarding the treasurer benefit information, the DPW putting up the banners, a typo regarding the year of the audit, reminded everyone that it is Sunshine Week and the report on benefits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Butler gave a report on the library.

Trustee Butler reported on the Cemetery Board regarding reserving land on the M-18 property for an addition to the Village Cemetery.

President Adams asked the council if they had any questions they wanted taken to the DDA meeting. Trustee Suvada: Concerns about the WiFi connection.

Trustee Yannatta gave a report on the Recreation Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Elected Officials' Compensation

President Adams gave each council member an opportunity to give their opinion. Opinions given by Butler, McKee, Adams, Yannatta, Lippert, Suvada and Murphy.

President Adams gave the audience an opportunity to give their opinion on this subject.

Comments made by: Bev Luther, Linda Mesler, Jesse Carlson and Earl Deloge.

Moved by Suvada, seconded by Murphy, to amend the policy to read that the Village will offer and pay 90% of the premium for health insurance and dental insurance for the clerk, treasurer and their families, beginning with the election in November of 2012. Ayes: Murphy, Yannatta and Suvada. Nays: Adams, Butler, McKee and Lippert. The motion failed.

Moved by Lippert, seconded by Murphy, to reduce the retirement from 13% to 10% for the elected officials, beginning with the election in November of 2012. Ayes: McKee, Adams, Lippert and Butler. Nays: Yannatta, Suvada and Murphy. The motion carried.

-Higgins Lake Sunrise Run Banners

Discussion regarding the request and the First Amendment.

-GASB54 Policy

Manager Lowe gave an explanation of GASB 54.

Moved by Suvada, seconded by Yannatta, to pass the GASB 54 and the Fund Balance policy as written. Ayes: Butler, Yannatta, Adams, Murphy, McKee, Suvada and Lippert. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Town Hall Meeting

Discussion regarding fliers for the Town Hall Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

-Social Host Liability Awareness Month

There is a letter in the agenda. Manager Lowe informed the council that they want proclamations from as many entities as possible.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to proclaim the month of May to be Social Host Liability Month. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

-Capital Improvement Plan

Manager Lowe explained the reason to have a capital improvement plan.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bev Luther: Comments regarding Adams' running of the meeting, the cost of the work involved in researching the clerk/treasurer positions, the negative publicity regarding the Village, council attendance at meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Murphy: Feedback from students, auditor's report, list of blight and sign violations, building inspector being authorized to go to the attorney.

Trustee Suvada: Consolidations of grants loans.

Trustee Lippert: Nice things in the village, spring clean-up.

Trustee Yannatta: Buy locally.

Trustee Adams: Thanked everyone for their patience.

Trustee Butler: Commended the DPW for the great job during the recent storm.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Manager Lowe has a list.

Trustee McKee: Training for council, relook at the policy for missing meetings.

Trustee Murphy: Questioned whether or not there were any applicants for the council vacancy.

Moved by Butler, seconded by Lippert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn M. Dodge
Village Clerk