

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON  
Minutes of the March 19, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Erine Adams, Michael Butler, Joan Murphy, Marc McKee, Diane Lippert, Bruce Yannatta and Jon Michael Suvada. Others present were: Doug Smith, Dave Hodges, Kathy Bair, Ed Roginski, Doug Hodges, Tim Legg, Krista Tacey-Cater, Tim Roache, Marge Torongo, Bev Luther, Jason Couturier, Theresa Ekdom, Larry Thornton, Carolyn Thornton, Carol Garlo, Kathy Murphy, Joyce Ballard, Connie Allen, Jim Anderson, Don Dixon, Carey Grewe, Linda Mesler, Jim Mesler, Al Schultz, Kurtis Norton, Ron Alden, Brian Quinlan, Bob Edwards, Sue Jock, Carl Jock, Scott Marshall and Dawn Dodge.

President Adams asked Manager Lowe to explain capital improvement projects and limited speakers to five minutes each.

Manager Lowe explained that capital improvement projects are projects that cost \$5,000 or more and last for at least a year.

Bruce Yannatta: Gave an explanation of the recreation committee.

Diane Lippert: Ideas needed for recreation committee.

Bev Luther: Supervised day camp in summer for kids.

Al Schultz: Bike/walking path.

Marge Torongo: Tisdale ski trail.

Sue Jock: Recreation committee.

Tim Roache: President of Gosling/Czubak Engineering Firm, Village Engineer.

Kurtis Norton: Parking for businesses.

Erine Adams: Low ground water run-off problems.

Linda Mesler: Sidewalk from bridge to Hilltop.

Larry Thornton: Sidewalks.

Jason Couturier: Owner of Cindy Lou Zoo, summer camp for kids.

Bev Luther: Dog park, dog clean-up stations in parks.

Jon Suvada: Skate park, walking trail, basketball court, pool, village resident discount at CRAF Center.

Sue Jock: Metro Court, RMRA's plan to work on one tennis court and one full-size basketball court.

Joan Murphy: Basketball courts.

Kurtis Norton: Signage into/out of Village on the ATV trail, keeping a groomed trail through Village.

Bev Luther: Snowmobile trails.

Kathy Murphy: Village used to put maps on the corner of South Street with trail markings.

Doug Hodges: Village should seize the opportunity of having the Memorial in Roscommon, attracts a lot of visitors.

Jason Couturier: Signs on 75.

Mary Lou Bryce: Hotel with a pool.

President Adams: Farm market; changing the atmosphere in the community; Roscommon, Ireland.

Joan Murphy: Person from Roscommon, Ireland that used to come for St. Patrick's Day.

Bev Luther: Roscommon, Ireland on website.

Don Dixon: Has been to Roscommon, Ireland, a sign in English and Gaelic.

Carol Garlo: Roscommon, Michigan is only Roscommon in the United States.

Don Dixon: St. Patrick's Day in Grayling, concert at art gallery, busy downtown.

Al Schultz: Quiet Water Symposium at MSU. Get into shows downstate to show what we are.

Brian Quinlan: Marketing of Roscommon, festival weekends. Symposium is a great idea.

Carey Grewe: Safety issue walking up to Hilltop. Safety issue on Cherven and Main.

Brian Quinlan: Village budget for marketing.

Manager Lowe: Explained that Village is not allowed to spend money on marketing.

President Adams: Marketing handled by Chamber, DDA, EDC.

Connie Allen: All three chambers have to work together in order to get grants, went to the Novi show with local information, put a billboard at Cabelas.

President Adams: Marketing Committee, Doug Hodges presented the DDA a check from Firemen's Memorial.

Connie Allen: Already received phone calls for next year's event dates, if anyone has any events, she will put them on the website and in brochures.

Scott Marshall: Owner of the Roscommon County Weekly, started the paper to promote events. Too many different groups not seeing eye-to-eye. Campground on the M-18 property, DNR is giving out grants for campgrounds.

Mike Butler: There is a definite ORV path out of the village, it's just not advertised.

Diane Lippert: Congratulations to the DPW for being awarded "Best Tasting Water in Michigan" again.

Manager Lowe: Lots of great ideas, would like people to think "out of the box".

Mike Butler: Microbrewery.

Jim Anderson: President of the DDA. State prohibits Villages from budgeting money for marketing, but not the DDA; however, they are limited to spending in the DDA district. Recited some of DDA's past projects.

Doug Hodges: Importance of different groups working together.

Bob Edwards: Go to Federal government and talk them into stocking our river with Grayling.

Wife wants to start a Woman's Club, Train Day Festival in town.

Brian Quinlan: Tax amnesty for new businesses.

Carl Jock: Agrees with Brian.

Carey Grewe: River Festival.

Mary Lou Bryce: Timing of River Fest.

Ron Alden: When the Tri-City Airport was struggling, they turned one runway into a drag strip. We have lots of land, turn into a racetrack and snowmobile racetrack.

Bev Luther: Bring back rodeo at fair.

Kurtis Norton: Open up a large airport.

Marge Torongo: Get more young people involved.

Carey Grewe: Snowmobile racing circuit.

Brian Quinlan: Lodging.

Bev Luther: REI store and a canoe builder on the M-18 property.

President Adams: Easy to become blind to things that need to be tended to. Sidewalk repairs.

Don Dixon: Snow trails, cross-country ski trails, attract a younger population.

Carol Garlo: Flowers in the village are wonderful.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Erine Adams  
Village President

Dawn M. Dodge  
Village Clerk