

**VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON**  
Minutes of the March 28, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

President Jesse Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present were Mike Butler, Marc McKee, Joan Murphy, Jon Michael Suvada, Erine Adams, Jesse Carlson and Steve Morris. Others present were: Marc McKee Jr, Jon Michael Suvada Jr, Dave Hodges, Jim Porath, Ken Berthiaume, Shari Dickson, Ginny Nagel, Doug Nagel, Krista Tacey, John May, Janae Ostling, Joanne Lederman, Robert McClure, Eleanor Karjalainen, Linda Mesler, Kathy Pardo-Carlson, Dennis Griffis, Doug Smith and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Trustee Morris.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Moved by Butler, seconded by Suvada, to accept the Regular Agenda with the addition of the River Center request, policy issues (Trustee Adams), communications to village residents (Trustee Suvada). Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Adams, to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes of the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting, checks written since last meeting in the amount of \$82,036.24, bills presented for payment in the amount of \$14,235.06 . Ayes: Suvada, Morris, McKee, Adams, Carlson, Murphy and Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**2010 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Ken Berthiaume from Berthiaume & Company gave a presentation on the 2010 audit.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Sadowski gave his report.

A letter and invoice was sent to Kenneth Eugene Smith Jr. regarding a streetlight he struck with his car.

The DPW requested SEMS maintenance program for their computer. Tabled until the next meeting.

Trustee Murphy questioned the cost of the stump removal on Brooks Street.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Morris gave an ordinance committee report regarding the snowmobile trail.

Trustee Suvada has spoken with Tim McCarthy at Crawford County regarding the looping of the trails.

Manager Sadowski reported that the DNR called Monday afternoon regarding the snowmobile trail mapping.

Trustee Butler gave an update on the library.

#### FARM MARKET

Trustee Adams reported she was ill and unable to meet with anyone. She would like this tabled to be put on the next agenda. Jim Anderson reported that the Farm Market was discussed at the DDA meeting.

#### STREET LIGHT UPGRADES

Trustee Suvada inquired about upgrading streetlights, as he believed this was something that was already scheduled to be done. Dave Hodges recently spoke with Consumers Energy about a potential surge and is awaiting their investigation. Jim Anderson reported the DDA is willing to help with the street light upgrades. This matter is tabled until information is received from Consumers Energy.

#### RIVER CENTER REQUEST

The River Center requested certain roads be closed during the annual River Festival. Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to approve the request of the AuSable River Center as requested in their letter. Ayes: Butler, Carlson, Adams, McKee, Morris, Suvada and Murphy. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### COMMERCIAL ENTRANCE RFP

President Carlson would like to table this but would like to hear the Council's comments. Comments heard from Trustees Murphy, Adams, Suvada, Morris, McKee and Butler. Additional discussion with Jim Anderson of the DDA. President Carlson would like to discuss this matter with Manager Sadowski and Jim Anderson of the DDA.

#### FOURTH STREET SIDEWALK RFP

Discussion about replacing the sidewalk and whether or not it will solve the drainage issue. Moved by Butler, seconded by Suvada, to repair/replace the sidewalk (144 square feet), but it will not be executed until a waiver is signed by both the School Board and North Country Computers that the Village will not be held responsible for drainage issues. Ayes: Morris, McKee, Butler, Murphy, Carlson, Adams and Suvada. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### LEAR – ROSCOMMON MANUFACTURING WATER TAP FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Manager Sadowski informed the Council that the fee cannot be waived, but the resolution can be changed. Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to adjust the tap fee to \$1.50 for a fire suppression system. Ayes: Butler, Carlson, Suvada, Adams, McKee, Murphy and Morris. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT

Manager Sadowski informed the Council that some of the townships and counties are beginning their sign replacements to become compliant with the new law. Discussion with Dave Hodges with the DPW regarding their installation of the new signs.

Tabled in order to get a new quote from Thee Sign Shop and find out how many stop signs need to be 30 inches and how many need to be 36 inches.

#### VILLAGE MANAGER'S QUARTERLY REVIEW

The Council's evaluation and comments are attached. Discussion with each council member regarding their evaluation of Manager Sadowski.

#### POLICY ISSUES

Trustee Adams had questions regarding the Manager's ordinance and concerns about the Manager's responsibilities regarding different policies. The Council would like to set up a workshop in order to discuss these issues.

#### VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

Trustee Suvada inquired why the Minutes are no longer published in the paper.

#### PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dan Fishel: Discussion about the Manager's review.

Dave Hodges: Regarding the sidewalk repairs, he would like to see a more systematic approach to the sidewalk repairs.

Kathy Pardo-Carlson: Discussion about the Manager's review.

Eleanor Karjalainen: Happy to be here.

Linda Mesler: Inquired whether or not the general public is allowed to have access to the full agenda prior to the meetings.

Jim Anderson: Attended the meeting to discuss the farm market and not to give an opinion on the village manager.

Doug Smith: Refreshing to get quick answers but wish Council would not make snap motions.

Joanne Lederman: Discussion on the Manager's review. Inquired about making blight complaints.

Bob McClure: Concerned about the space between the alley and the railroad tracks.

Dan Fishel: Stated we have the best DPW crew. Believes that Dave Hodges brings valuable insight to the meetings.

Doug Smith: DDA is doing a great job.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Murphy: Relayed a story regarding her phone call to one of Tim's references on his resume.

Trustee Adams: Thanked everyone for being patient with all of her questions.

Trustee Suvada: Great meeting.

Trustee Morris: Thanked Manager Sadowski for letting the Council share how they felt. Feels he's doing a great job.

Trustee McKee: There were a lot of issues tabled.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Roscommon-Higgins Lake Lions Club.

Moved by Morris, seconded by Suvada, to approve the sale of the Lions mints on April 29 and 30. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Easter Parade (letter from Pastor Cook)

Moved by Morris, seconded by Adams, to approve the Easter parade as presented. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

#### ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Dixon Engineering, SEMS program, manager's review

Trustee Murphy inquired about the sidewalk replacement at the jail.

Doug Smith: Would like to see rezoning downtown and the tank site on the next agenda.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Butler, to adjourn at 10:00 PM. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

These minutes subject to approval at the next council meeting.

Jesse M. Carlson  
Village President

Dawn M. Dodge  
Village Clerk