

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the November 26, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Marc McKee, Erine Adams, Bruce Yannatta, Diane Lippert and Linda Mesler. Absent: Jesse Carlson. Also present: Bev Luther, Tim Legg, Kathy Pardo-Carlson, Krista Tacey-Cater, Jim Ostling and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Allen Lowe.

REGULAR AGENDA

President Adams would like to add DPW Wages and Snow Removal under Unfinished Business and remove President's Appointments.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Legg: Complaints regarding the sidewalk snow removal.

Kathy Pardo-Carlson: Submitted a letter to the council regarding complaints with the sidewalk snow removal.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by McKee, seconded by Yannatta, to accept the consent agenda with bills to be paid in the amount of \$7,962.71, as presented. Ayes: McKee, Lippert, Adams, Mesler and Yannatta. Nays: None. Absent: Carlson. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The manager gave his report; in addition, he has spoken to a couple of insurance agents regarding municipal policies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Yannatta reported that the Recreation Committee will meet on Thursday.

Manager Lowe met with Sue Jock and John Rosczyk earlier in the day regarding RMRA.

President Adams gave a report regarding the DDA meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Snow Removal

Many complaints were received at Village Hall regarding snow removal from the sidewalks over the weekend. Manager Lowe phoned Twin Oakes Monday morning and informed them of the complaints and suggested Mr. Fluegel come to the meeting. Manager Lowe told the council they could give him another chance or choose to send a letter stating he has 30 days to rectify the situation or the contract would be terminated. President Adams asked each council member how they would like to proceed and they each requested the manager give Twin Oakes written notice that they have 30 days to rectify the situation. President Adams directed the manager to compose such a letter.

-Budget Questions

Trustee Mesler questioned where the funds from the tower rental went. The Manager informed her it went into the General Fund.

Trustee Yannatta asked questions regarding the revenue and expenses. He would like to see the DPW receive raises.

-2013 Projects

The manager put this on the agenda simply for discussion. Trustee Yannatta said the Recreation Committee has projects and the Manager informed him that he does know the projects the Recreation Committee has in mind.

Trustee Lippert had questions regarding establishing a Park and Recreation Department.

-PA 152 Compliance

The Manager informed the council that a decision has to be made by the end of the year.

Moved by McKee, seconded by Mesler, for the Village of Roscommon to opt out of Public Act 152 under the provisions of that act for 2013. Ayes: Mesler, McKee, Adams and Lippert. Nays: Yannatta. Absent: Carlson. The motion failed.

-DPW Wages

President Adams informed the council that the decision regarding raises is in the Manager's Ordinance. Manager Lowe did ask for the council's input and it was given.

NEW BUSINESS

-Approve Council Rules

After each election the Council Rules and Procedures need to be reviewed and approved. Tabled until next agenda to allow the council a chance to review and see if they would like to make any changes.

-AT&T Requests

The requests are in the agenda. No action taken.

-Council Appointment

President Adams would like to include the vacancy on the ZBA and Planning Commission in the ad for the council appointment.

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by McKee, to place an ad to fill a vacancy for council trustee, ZBA and Planning Commission in the Houghton Lake Resorter, Roscommon County Weekly and Channel 97 with application to be due by February 11, 2013.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Kathy Pardo-Carlson: Thanked the Council for not going along with the AT&T requests.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Mesler: Had questions regarding the Colonial.

Trustee Lippert: Attended the special meeting and the DDA meeting and learned a lot. Would like the council to hold an annual meeting with all the different entities.

Trustee Yannatta: Likes seeing residents moving into the vacant homes. Buy local.

President Adams: Proud of the council.

Manager Lowe: The council has worked so well over the last couple of months.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Manager's contract.

Moved by McKee, seconded by Lippert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. All in favor.

Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn Dodge
Village Clerk