

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the November 28, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Diane Lippert, Jon Michael Suvada, Erine Adams, Mike Butler, Bruce Yannatta and Marc McKee. Absent: Joan Murphy. Others present were: Nicole Crespo, Desiree Marshall, Mike Wescoat, Dave Hodges, Janae Ostling, Carol Garlo, Jim Garlo, Carl Jock, Krista Tacey, Jesse Carlson, Mary Lou Jennette, Pam Ostling, Jim Ostling, Joanne Lederman, Kathy Murphy, Kathy Pardo-Carlson, Linda Mesler, Beverly Luther and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Trustee Butler.

President Adams commented about the last meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Dan Fishel: Advertising for legal notices needs to be placed in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Lippert, seconded by Yannatta, to accept the consent agenda including the November 14, 2011 meeting minutes, checks written since last meeting and bills to be paid, with additions, in the amount of \$8,236.17. Ayes: Suvada, McKee, Butler, Lippert, Adams and Yannatta. Nays: None. Absent: Murphy. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Lowe informed the council members that they need to register with the MML in order to see all parts of the website. Everything else covered in the manager's report is on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Butler gave an update on the library.

Trustee Butler reported on the cemetery claim and the meeting with the insurance company. They are looking into how best to proceed with the claim.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Appoint President Pro-tempore

President Adams asked for input from the council. President Adams appointed Marc McKee for president pro-tempore.

Moved by Lippert, seconded by Suvada, to appoint Marc McKee president pro-tempore. Ayes: Yannatta, McKee, Adams, Suvada, Butler and Lippert. Nays: None. Absent: Murphy. The motion carried.

-Snow Removal Contract

President Adams reminded the council that only one bid was received, which was from Higgins Lake Landscaping. The DDA has agreed to pay \$7,500 towards the contract. There are areas that have been removed from the contract this year. There was discussion about making an amendment to the contract to add some of the areas back in.

There was discussion regarding the areas included and not included.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to accept the bid from Higgins Lake Landscaping in the amount of \$11,500. Ayes: Butler, Adams, Yannatta, Lippert and McKee. Nays: Suvada. Absent: Murphy. The motion carried.

-AT&T Antennas

Tabled as no information has been presented yet.

-MML Training Travel Plans

Trustees Butler, Lippert, McKee, Yannatta and President Adams will meet at Village Hall on December 8, 2011 at 4 PM to ride together to the MML training session in Mt. Pleasant.

NEW BUSINESS

-Government Class Feedback/Council Rules and Procedures

President Adams encouraged everyone to read the comments from the high school students.

-Jim Ostling

Asked to be tabled until the next meeting when Trustee Murphy is present so that he may address her comments from the November 14th meeting.

-Municipal Notices and Bid Invitations (advertising)

President Adams explained that the legal local newspaper is the Houghton Lake Resorter but the council will try to be more conscientious of advertising in The Fish and The Voice.

-Sign Permit Appeal

The council reviewed the two different signs the Dollar General would like to install.

Moved by Suvada, seconded by McKee, to grant the appeal of Hunter Place Properties with the stipulation that it meets the Sheriff's Department's and MDOT's approval for a clear vision area and is the monument design with a stone pedestal. Ayes: McKee, Yannatta, Suvada and Adams. Nays: Butler and Lippert. Absent: Murphy. The motion carried.

-SB-7 Compliance

President Adams reminded the council that a decision needs to be made by December 31. Manager Lowe reviewed the three options.

Moved by Lippert, seconded by Butler, to accept the opt-out option under SB-7. Ayes: Adams, Yannatta, Lippert, Butler and McKee. Nays: Suvada. Absent: Murphy. The motion carried.

-Budget Workshop

Manager Lowe informed the council that he has passed out the budget and would like the council to review it and come back with any questions at the budget workshop date.

-December 26th Meeting

There is a village council meeting on December 26th. The office is closed on that date, would the council like to keep the meeting on that date or change it to December 27th?

Moved by Lippert, seconded by Butler, to change the regular council meeting to December 27, 2011. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Beverly Luther: Explained that she is not in support of the Dollar General coming into the village and has written a letter to the editor of the paper and to the corporation. She encouraged everyone to write a letter and send it to the corporation and she has the address and copies of her letter if anyone is interested.

Joanne Lederman: Encouraged everyone to attend the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting regarding the Dollar General December 5 at 11 AM. Gave her opinion regarding the employee benefits.

Carl Jock: He is one of the businesses that won't get snow removal, thinks that all businesses should be included. He is also opposed to the Dollar General.

Kathy Pardo-Carlson: Asked for the Council's assistance regarding bills for advertising of the Air National Guard Band that DDA offered to pay. Janae Ostling said the bills have been submitted and approved and she will check on it.

Linda Mesler: Questioned if the 21 businesses that were eliminated were at Council's request.

Dave Hodges: Thanked the Council for their trust in the staff regarding the benefits.

Carol Garlo: Invited everyone to the Gallimore Open House on Saturday at Christmas in the Village. Informed the Council that there are no sidewalks in front of their house, it was labeled as a maintenance path by MDOT.

Dan Fishel: Offered to fly the Council in a homemade plane to the MML convention in Mt. Pleasant.

Manager Lowe: Informed everyone that the first thing they did regarding the Dollar General was meet with their engineer, Dave Hodges and Dave Doll. They offered them other property; however, they were only interested in the one property. The Dollar General did offer money to

help pay to move the two buildings if anyone was interested. Manager Lowe explained the whole approval process.

Dan Fishel: A couple of years ago there was a ZBA hearing regarding Marc and Doug Smith and it was rejected because there wasn't enough parking.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Yannatta: Questioned when the MML training date is.

Trustee McKee: There were tough decisions made, but feels it was a good meeting.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

These minutes subject to approval at the next council meeting.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn M. Dodge
Village Clerk