

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the October 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

President Pro-Tempore Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Marc McKee, Mike Butler, Diane Lippert, Joan Murphy and Erine Adams. Absent: Jon Michael Suvada. Others present were: Scott Marshall, Krista Tacey, Chris Fishell, Bruce Yannatta, Mary Lou Jennette, Dan Fishel, Linda Mesler, Shaun Hand and Dawn Dodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Trustee Butler.

REGULAR AGENDA

President Pro-Tem Adams would like to add the M-33 franchise request to the Regular Agenda under New Business.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Lippert, to accept the consent agenda including the Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Regular Meeting, bills to be paid in the amount of \$22,779.92 and checks written since last meeting in the amount of \$18,632.99. Ayes: Butler, Lippert, Murphy, Adams and McKee. Nays: None. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT AND DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

Deputy Hand gave the Sheriff's Department report. Manager Lowe discussed his meeting with Sheriff Stevenson.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Trustee Murphy had questions regarding the budget transfers and whether or not the budget was overspent or if it was simply a miscoding issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Butler gave an update on the library. He also updated the council regarding the fact that he did some investigating and there is no leash law for dogs in the state of Michigan. Trustee Murphy stated that there was one for the county. Trustee Butler had copies for the council regarding solar lights in the cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Appoint Village President

Moved by Murphy to delay the appointment of Village President until the next council meeting. Having no second, the motion failed.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to nominate Erine Adams for the seat of President of Village Council. Ayes: Adams, Lippert, McKee and Butler. Nays: Murphy. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by McKee, to have Bruce Yannatta fill the vacant council seat. Ayes: Butler, McKee, Murphy, Lippert and Adams. Nays: None. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

-Credit Card Policy

Manager Lowe drafted a new policy according to state law. There are some errors that need to be corrected regarding "City of Essexville" instead of "Village of Roscommon".

Trustee Murphy would like to know if you can still opt out of taking a credit card, that in the past they were stored in the safe and it was the Clerk's responsibility regarding distributing the credit cards. The credit cards will continue to be stored in the safe.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to accept the credit card policy as amended, changing the "Village of Essexville" to "Village of Roscommon." Ayes: Adams, McKee, Lippert, Murphy and Butler. Nays: None. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

-Snow Removal Contract

Manager Lowe informed the Council that they need to propose to the DDA that they pay for the sidewalk snow removal contract or that the council needs to put it out for bids.

Trustee Murphy believes the Village needs to remain in control of the contract. Trustee McKee does not understand why we would not want to approach the DDA to take over and pay for the contract.

Moved by Lippert, seconded by Butler, to have Erine Adams approach the DDA to have them take over the snow removal contract and have them go out for bids. Ayes: McKee, Adams, Butler and Lippert. Nays: Murphy. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

-Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority

Manager Lowe voiced his concerns regarding the operations and funding of RMRA. They are not having meetings and spending money, which is a violation of the Open Meetings Act and is illegal.

-Budget Amendment Explanation

Manager Lowe gave the council a list of all of the expenditures former manager Tim Sadowski and the council approved that were not budgeted.

NEW BUSINESS

-Budget Approval Schedule

Manager Lowe gave the council a proposed budget schedule.

-Homecoming Parade Permit

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Butler, to approve the request for the Homecoming parade and have the MDOT permit faxed to the high school. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

-Well Maintenance Budget Amendment

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Lippert, to amend the 2012 water budget as presented. Ayes: Adams, Lippert, Butler, McKee and Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

-Water Bill Payment Plan

There was a discussion regarding the request from the owners of 111 S. 5th Street to pay their water bill in installments. Trustee Lippert believes the interest rate is unreasonable.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Butler, to allow the owners of 111 S. 5th Street to pay in increments plus interest in the amount of 10% per month as allotted. Ayes: Butler, Murphy, Adams and McKee. Nays: Lippert. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

-M-33 Access

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to accept the franchise agreement with the stipulation that the agreement will be null and void if we do not receive an actual document and a check and it follows the state law. Ayes: Murphy, Adams, Butler, McKee and Lippert. Nays: None. Absent: Suvada. The motion carried.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dan Fishel: Gave a history of the sidewalk snow removal.

Mary Lou Jennette: When the sidewalk contract is presented to the DDA, she would like to make sure the bridge is included.

Bruce Yannatta: Proud to be a resident and is looking forward to joining the council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Lippert: Will be going online to read the ordinances.

President Adams: Informed the council that Scott Marshall from "The Fish" newspaper is present at the meeting and is covering the village now.

Trustee McKee: Glad to see Erine as president, that is what the majority of the people in the Village wanted.

Trustee Butler: Believes the council always agrees to disagree.

Trustee Murphy: Wanted to know why Trustee McKee always votes no on her consent agenda.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Trustee Lippert: Training in Boyne. Informed the manager that he can just email the agenda to her.

Moved by Butler, seconded by McKee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 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