

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the September 23, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Diane Lippert, Linda Mesler, Jesse Carlson, Erine Adams, Bruce Yannatta, Marc McKee and Mark Larsen. Also present: Clerk Dawn Dodge, Manager Allen Lowe, Ruth Walczak, Krista Tacey-Cater, Earl Deloge and Joan Murphy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Manager Lowe.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dodge had the following additions to the bills to be paid: an additional Consumers Energy bill of \$23.38, Fick & Sons, \$496.57, United Healthcare, \$84.38.

Moved by McKee, seconded by Yannatta, to approve the Consent Agenda, including bills to be paid, with additions, in the amount of \$38,744.67. Ayes: Yannatta, Carlson, Lippert, Adams, Mesler, McKee and Larsen. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Joan Murphy: Questioned the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave his report along with upcoming important dates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Water Use Policy

After discussion, additional wording was added.

Moved by Larsen, seconded by McKee, to accept the Excessive Water Use Policy with the addition of "a break in a service line between the curb stop and the house or within the house" to the first paragraph. Ayes: McKee, Larsen, Yannatta, Mesler, Carlson, Adams and Lippert.

Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Amend Ordinance #41

Moved by Mesler, seconded by McKee, to amend Ordinance #41 by replacing Appendix A with the attached map showing the property included in the regulated area. Ayes: Lippert, Mesler, Adams, Yannatta, McKee and Larsen. Nays: Carlson. The motion carried.

-DPW Pay Range

Moved by Mesler, seconded by Carlson, to set the pay scale for the DPW Director at \$17-\$21 per hour. Ayes: Carlson, Lippert, Adams, Mesler and Larsen. Nays: Yannatta and McKee. The motion carried.

-Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance

A draft of the proposed changes is in the agenda.

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by McKee, to change Ordinance #5, the Hawkens and Peddlers Ordinance. Ayes: Adams, Larsen, Mesler, Lippert, Yannatta, McKee and Carlson. The motion carried.

-Effective Meetings Workshop

President Adams received information on a seminar in Traverse City covering parliamentary procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

-RMRA Appointment

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by McKee, to appoint Pam Miller to RMRA as treasurer for a 3-year term expiring September 30, 2016. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

-Removal of Cemetery Trees

Trustee Larsen, as a Cemetery Board Committee Member, gave the council the Cemetery Board's recommendation and the three estimates for dead tree removal.

Moved by Larsen, seconded by Yannatta, to accept the bid from Custom Tree Service in the amount of \$2,750 for the removal of six dead trees. Ayes: McKee, Lippert, Yannatta, Adams, Larsen, Carlson and Mesler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Safe Route to School

Trustee Larsen would like to have a letter composed and sent to Higgins Township asking them to pay for part of the snow removal on the Safe Route to School and to contact the Road Commission and have them ask the same of Higgins Township. It was the consensus of the council that the Village Manager compose such a letter.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Joan Murphy: Questioned why the council votes one way on an issue and at the next meeting they vote the other way on the same issue.

Street Budget Overview

There was a Power Point presentation by Manager Lowe.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Larsen: Trustee Larsen requested the Minutes read "Whiney rant".

Trustee Mesler: Believes town looks nice. Believes all local entities need to cooperate.

Trustee Lippert: Agrees with Trustee Mesler.

Trustee Yannatta: Attended the Firemen's Memorial over the weekend and the River Center raffled off their canoe.

President Adams: Conservation Expo on September 28.

Trustee McKee: Learned a lot at the convention.

Trustee Mesler: Requested a report of highlights from the convention.

Trustee Carlson: Would like to know about street vendors when Ordinance #5 is changed and in effect.

Trustee Larsen: Quoted an article in The Review magazine regarding a Safe Route to School.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Manager has a list.

Moved by Larsen, seconded by Yannatta, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. All in favor.
Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn Dodge
Village Clerk