

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the September 9, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

President Erine Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Marc McKee, Diane Lippert, Bruce Yannatta, Erine Adams, Mark Larsen, Jesse Carlson (arrived at 7:12 PM) and Linda Mesler. Also present: Clerk Dawn Dodge, Manager Allen Lowe, Mike Butler, Tim O'Rourke, Joyce Ballard, Earl Deloge, Ben Lowe, Jonah Schutte, Randy Stevenson, Sue Jock, Chris Fishell, Krista Tacey-Cater, Jim Ostling, Tony Medina, Jim Anderson and LouAnne Wilson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation given by Mike Butler.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Ben Lowe gave the Sheriff Department's report.
Sheriff Stevenson played a slideshow of his trip to Roscommon, Ireland.
Trustee Carlson arrived at 7:12 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dodge had the following additions to the bills to be paid: DTE Energy: \$65.77, Dawn Dominek: \$50.00, Consumers Energy: \$7,664.95, Ray's Parts Center: \$36.21, Village Hardware: \$67.03, Dewey's Auto Repair: \$81.39, Arrow Uniform: \$209.51, Allen Lowe: \$278.64, Kelley's Clean Cut Lawn Care: \$275.00.

Moved by McKee, seconded by Yannatta, to approve the Consent Agenda, including bills to be paid, with additions, in the amount of \$17,266.81. Ayes: Larsen, Carlson, Mesler, Adams, Lippert, Yannatta and McKee. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

President Adams would like to add Sue Jock for RMRA and Safe Route to School to the agenda under New Business.

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Selby Water Bill

No action taken. The council would like the Manager to write a policy. Manager Lowe informed the council they would need to let him know what they would like to see in the policy.

Moved by Larsen, seconded by McKee, to direct the Village Manager to work on a policy where council can reduce water bills based on leaks, with very strict language. All in favor. 7 ayes, 0 nays. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

-Library Irrigation

The library is interested in installing an irrigation well. They need a letter from the DEQ before they can take the next step.

-DPW Director's Pay

Manager Lowe attached a wage survey to the agenda and informed the council that they need to figure out a salary range. Trustee Yannatta requested the manager investigate the benefit packages of the directors in other municipalities. Trustee Lippert would like to know if the other directors are hands-on in their positions.

-RMRA

Sue Jock passed out a handout and gave an update on RMRA.

-Safe Route to School

Tim O'Rourke from the Road Commission was present to answer questions.

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by Mesler, to reconsider the vote by which we did not approve paying a portion of the snow clearing bill for the sidewalk from Lake Street to the Village limit. All in favor. 6 ayes, 1 nay (McKee). The motion carried.

Moved by Yannatta, seconded by Mesler, that the Village pay to clear the walking paths of snow from Lake Street west to the Village limit, one-third of the total cost for the 2013-2014 winter season, with a cap of \$2,000. Ayes: Yannatta, Carlson, Lippert, Adams and Mesler. Nays: McKee and Larsen. The motion carried.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LouAnne Wilson: Brought in a copy of the Michigan Right to Farm Act and informed the council that someone from the state will be arbitrating on her behalf.

Jim Anderson: Gave an update from the public workshop meeting of the DDA. There will be one sidewalk completed this fall from the Congregational Church to the corner. Appreciates Sue being president of RMRA.

Tim O'Rourke: The Road Commission Annual County tour of projects is September 16 at 8:30 AM.

Sue Jock: Upcoming meetings.

INDUSTRIAL PARK & EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED BUDGETS

The manager gave an overview of this section of the budget and answered council's questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trustee Larsen: Appreciates Sue coming to explain RMRA.

Trustee Mesler: Likes that Sue came in.

Trustee Lippert: Appreciates input from DDA, county and RMRA.

Trustee Yannatta: Lots of people in town and at the farm market last weekend. Upcoming meeting dates.

President Adams: Thanked everyone for their patience.

Trustee McKee: MML conference coming up next week.

Trustee Carlson: Not going to water flowers after comments that were made after the last meeting.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Manager has a list.

Moved by Carlson, seconded by Larsen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 PM. All in favor.

Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Erine Adams
Village President

Dawn Dodge
Village Clerk