

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the April 12, 2021

Regular Council Meeting

President Michael Miller called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Michael Miller, Dan Fishel, Tony Medina, Angela Cook, Jared Osmond, Heather Roemer and virtually Maureen Ruddy. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, and Clerk Frances Dawson, Lance Cherven, Tammy Menghini. Others present at the meeting were Sue Jock Mike Allen, Sara Wellsted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Osmond to approve the Consent Agenda with the bills to be paid in the amount of \$27,852.55. Ayes: Osmond, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Medina, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Cook, seconded by Roemer, to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of the Authorization to sign USDA Water/Sewer Project Payments. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Osmond, Miller, Roemer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden gave updates on:

Let Run for the winter has been cancelled. The One Call Now worked great for letting the residents know when to run the water and when to stop.

801 Lake Street has been purchased by Kate Otwell and will be called the Butcher's Wife's Store. With a two year agreement to invest some monies into the building and get established.

M-18 Walk way has no additional updates at this time. As soon as we can schedule it we will proceed with the dedication.

ROXY Committee has finished web site and submitted all of the paperwork to get the redevelopment ready status. ROXY is also working with the DDA to schedule an open house on all vacant buildings in the Village.

DPW has put out the benches this year around town.

Nine of the Townships contributed to the Food Drive for the Challenge.

Consumers Energy has sent update on a few things they would like people to do to save on electricity for the summer if it is very hot. They struggle with keeping up enough electricity with all the fans and air conditioners going. Pick up flyers at the Village Hall.

May 1, 2021 will be the Community Clean up at the River Center. There will be a dumpster at the Compost site. Lunch will be provided by the Rotary.

Village Compost site is open with set hours for all season which are Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Weather permitting.
Rotary to clean up Tank Creek area around McDonalds, Family Fare, Laundromat, and Forwards. They are all willing to contribute what they can by putting up fences to catch the garbage before it gets to the river.

Fishel stated that the last TEFAP food drive went really well.

Medina questioned when there was a plan to clean up the Hiawatha area and Lance Cherven, DPW Director informed him that it was scheduled to be done on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to change/update some of the wording in Council Rules and Procedures – i.e. Virtual Meetings, Council members submitting items for meetings to the President, council member physically present or virtually present to count as a quorum, and the right to vote made by Roemer, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Osmond, Miller, Roemer. Nays: Medina. Majority Ayes – motion passed.

This Motion was voted on in 2019 and states that two (2) people from the Council are allowed to attend virtually with a valid reason. (health, vacation, etc...)

The Ordinance regarding the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows has been put on hold for further consideration on the wording from the attorney.

President Miller requested Council Woman Cook to put together a committee to start on the Marijuana Establishment in the Village. Council person, resident, business owner, etc... Also to make the meetings public so that anyone can attend. Will update about first meeting at next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to approve USDA Wastewater Grant for a total of \$3,757,000.00 by Roemer, seconded by Osmond. Ayes: Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Roemer, Medina, Miller, Osmond. Nays: none. Resolution carried.

Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Sanitary Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Bond for the amount of \$1,570,000.00 by Osmond, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller, Osmond. Nays: none. Resolution carried.

Resolution to approve USDA Water Grant for the total \$4,406,000.00 by Roemer, seconded by Osmond. Ayes: Osmond, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Medina, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Resolution carried.

Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Water System Junior Lien Revenue bond in the amount of \$1,229,000.00 by Cook, seconded by Roemer. Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Osmond, Miller. Nays: none. Resolution carried.

Resolution to Approve the Water & Sewer Compliance Review/Self Evaluation Guide that was done with special attention to the needs of our current and future Community and all residences best interest, even in times of emergencies, as written by Osmond, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Osmond, Ruddy, Cook Roemer. Nays: none. Resolution carried.

Motion to Authorize signature of payment for the USDA Water & Sewer Project buy the Village President – Michael Miller by Roemer, seconded by Fishel. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Roemer, Medina, Osmond. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the rental of offices in the Village Hall to Flies & Vendenbrink for the sum of \$500 per month to include utilities by Fishel, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Osmond, Miller, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Alden went over the 5-6 year Capital Improvement Plan to show everyone that a lot of the projects that the previous Councils would like to have seen done, will be done by the USDA Grant. The plan was put together in 2015-16. 70 – 73 % of our projects will be done by 2022-23

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Medina sent in info and pictures for the future Dog Park that he would like to see. It is recommended that the dog park be placed in the back of the Industrial Park off South Line Rd. The big obstacle at this time is the expense of fencing increasing so much in the current market. Check with Markey Township about their Rules and Regulations.

Sue Jock gave an update on the AuSable River Center – A lot of improvements, cleaning, reorganizing. They now have meeting/event rooms available for rent. RARA would like to put in a Pickle Ball and Basketball court but the price of fencing has gone too high and will have to wait until it goes back to normal.

The issue with delinquent water/sewer billing is improving. There are fewer residents that are delinquent than there were a few months ago. They have been sent letters and will be followed up with. At this time we will be starting to put late fees and shut offs back on the billing. If the issues can't be resolved the Village will be looking into putting the balance on the tax rolls.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mike Allen put in the complaint of trash from snow removal down by the bridge behind the Court House. Cherven and Alden assured him they would look into it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina mentions Village Clean up, flower meeting, new businesses, etc...

Fishel is very happy with the way Alden and Cherven are handling work and the Village.

Cook questions an anonymous letter that the Council received. Alden is trying to handle the few blight issues but has acknowledged that if they are not cleaned up the Village will do it and then bill or put on tax roll the expense of the clean up.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Firearm Ordinance, dog park, marijuana ordinance, USDA updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Medina to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. All in favor.

Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk