

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were: Mayor Peterson, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Danielson, Mrs. Honkamp, Ms. May, Mr. Seever, Mr. York and Atty. Szeto

Staff present: Tricia Diduch, Chief Hollinger and Corine Hughes

Also present: Chief Wilson (Rockton Fire Protection District)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. York, second by Mr. Seever, to waive the reading of the October 4, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. York, second by Mr. Seever, to approve the October 4, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Weaver, President of the Rockton Lions Club, presented the Village and the Rockton Police Department with two separate \$10,000 checks. The Rockton Police Department is using the funds for a speed trailer and the Village is using the funds towards a park on S. Prairie Street next to the well house.

Diane LaForge and Gwen Stuck updated the Village Board in regards to the 50 North group. Ms. LaForge explained how 50 North got started and that there was a need for a senior citizen group in the area. Ms. LaForge stated that she spoke to the mayors in South Beloit, Roscoe and Rockton and asked for their support of the program. Ms. LaForge stated that the group started in 2019 and then shortly afterwards was the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. LaForge said that they would like to get started again and that Ms. Stuck is currently the activities coordinator for the group. Ms. LaForge stated that they are looking for financial support from the three communities once again and would be grateful if the Village would let people know about the group as well.

Robin Crouch, resident of 778 Loomis Drive, addressed the Village Board in reference to her utility bill. Ms. Crouch stated that she paid her water bill on time several months ago, but she has been getting charged late fees for her bill and that she would like the late fees/penalties removed. Mayor Peterson advised Ms. Crouch to attend the Public Works Committee meeting on October 31, 2022 where this can be addressed.

MAYOR PETERSON

Motion by Mr. York to approve the Rockton Lions Club Candy Day to be held on Friday, October 21st from 7 am - 6 pm at the intersection of Main St. & Blackhawk Blvd. with a rain date for Friday, October 28th, second by Mr. Seever. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. YORK

Mr. York shared the Rockton Police Department activity summary from October 1st -15th with the Village Board.

Chief Wilson updated that Village Board in regards to the September activity report for the Rockton Fire Protection District. Chief Wilson stated that they just finished up Fire Prevention Week and that their open house on October 9th was very well attended.

Chief Wilson also thanked Mayor Peterson and Chief Hollinger for attending Battalion Chief Chuck Stenger's memorial service after serving 36 years in the Rockton Fire Protection District.

Motion by Mr. York to approve the Phase I proposal from Brownfield in the amount of \$2,200 for the Goldie Floberg property, second by Ms. May. Atty. Szeto stated that the Village can approve this, but should hold off on completing the Phase I until there is a signed contract for the property. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION – MR. BAUMGARTNER

None.

BUDGET & WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MS. MAY

None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. DANIELSON

Motion by Mr. Danielson to approve the holiday decorations purchase at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, second by Mr. York. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. HONKAMP

None.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. SEEVER

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. York to adjourn from regular session at 7:21 pm and go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss collective negotiating matters between a public employer and their employees or representatives, second by Ms. May

Mayor Peterson called the Village Board meeting back to regular session at 7:58 pm. Roll Call. All Village Board members were present.

ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. York, second by Mr. Danielson, to pay bills in the amount of \$253,034.25. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. York, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to adjourn at 7:59 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk