

**VILLAGE OF ROCKTON**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 5, 2023**

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

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

Staff present: Jake Costello, Dennis Hildebrandt, Chief Hollinger and Michele Prather

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. York, to waive the reading of the November 21, 2023 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Baumgartner, to approve the November 21, 2023 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Honkamp stated that she would like to remove Item #1 under herself. Motion by Ms. May to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mrs. Honkamp. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Celestino Ruffini, CEO for Visit Beloit, spoke to the Village Board and updated them what has been happening in the last year about what Visit Beloit has been doing and their partnership with the Village.

Paul Grossen and Dick Stasica with the Summit Condo Association addressed the Village Board once again in regards to the problems they are having with the Top Tracer at the Red Barn Golf Course. Mr. Grossen stated that they attended a Village Board meeting on October 17, 2023 and passed out information about the Top Tracer and how it has been affecting the residents that live in the Summit Condos. Mr. Grossen said that a 500 foot long by 50 foot high net was recommended to be installed at a cost of \$186,000, but the owner of the Red Barn will only contribute \$10,000 toward this. Mr. Grossen stated that the homeowners are the victims of the situation and they are reaching out for help. Mr. Winters asked Mr. Grossen if he could provide a map of exactly what condos were hit by golf balls this year. Mr. Stasica said that it's the alignment of the whole situation and that no one knows where the golf balls are going to go, but that since the Top Tracer was added to the golf course the problems have increased. Mr. Stasica inquired what will the next step taken will be with the Red Barn. Mayor Peterson said that he will speak with Atty. Szeto and the trustees and get in touch with Mr. Grossen when the Village makes a decision.

**MAYOR PETERSON**

None.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

None.

**ZONING**

None.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL & BUDGET – MR. WINTERS**

Mr. Winters shared the Rockton Police Department activity summary from November 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> with the Village Board.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2023-114: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Authorizing a Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc., second by Ms. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Ordinance 2023-26: An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2024 and Ending May 31, 2025, second by Mr. Baumgartner. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**ADMINISTRATION – MR. YORK**

Motion by Mr. York to approve Ordinance 2023-27: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act, second by Mr. Winters. Atty. Szeto stated that the trustees received an updated copy of the ordinance and that Atty. Sosnowski added the word “actually” in paragraph two so it reads “hours actually worked”. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MS. MAY**

None.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. DANIELSON**

None.

**BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. HONKAMP**

None.

**STREETS AND WALKS – MR. BAUMGARTNER**

Motion by Mr. Baumgartner to approve Ordinance 2023-28: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Approving and Authorizing the Village to Enter Into a Parking Lease Agreement with Tacchi USA, Inc. Regarding the Property Commonly Known as 121 Hawick Street, Rockton, Illinois, second by Ms. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ms. May to adjourn from regular session at 7:22 pm and go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) to consider the appointment of a person to fill a public office or vacancy in a public office, second by Mr. Baumgartner. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mayor Peterson called the Village Board meeting back to regular session at 8:08 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. Winters, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to pay bills in the amount of \$300,829.28. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to adjourn at 8:09 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk