

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2023

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

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

Staff present: Tricia Diduch & Chief Hollinger

Also present: Dave Winters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Mr. Seever, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to approve the February 21, 2023 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR PETERSON

None.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. YORK

Mr. York shared the Rockton Police Department activity summary from February 16th – 28th with the Village Board.

ADMINISTRATION – MR. BAUMGARTNER

None.

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

None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. DANIELSON

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. HONKAMP

None.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. SEEVER

Motion by Mr. Seever to approve the payment plan for IDOT (Highway 75 Project) to be made in monthly installments (beginning in June 2023), second by Ms. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Seever to approve Ordinance 2023-5: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 95 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois Regarding

Maintenance and Repair of Sidewalks, second by Ms. May. Ms. May advised the Village Board that the Village can always make changes to this ordinance later, but that the Village needs something in the Village Code now in regards to this issue. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Baumagrtner to adjourn from regular session at 7:08 pm and go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, second by Mr. Seever. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mayor Peterson called the Village Board meeting back to regular session at 7:17 pm. Roll Call. All Village Board members were present.

ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Atty. Szeto stated that the University of Illinois owns a parcel on Blackhawk Boulevard that they would like to sell to a private party. Atty. Szeto explained that this parcel is not in the Village, but is contiguous with the Village and could be annexed in. Atty. Szeto said that the property has a bad septic and that they didn't follow the proper procedure by annexing into the Village and connecting to the Village's water system. Atty. Szeto stated that the University of Illinois doesn't have a problem with annexing into the Village, but found out that it would cost \$32,000 to connect to our water system. Atty. Szeto said that they would like to know if they could pass on the connection to water right now, but will hook up to our water system when their well fails. Atty. Szeto asked how the Village Board felt about doing this. Atty. Szeto added that since the University of Illinois is an extension of the State of Illinois that they don't have to follow the rules and regulations of the municipality. The Village Board stated that they were okay with this, but wanted to be assured that they will hook up to the Village's water system when the well fails.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. York, second by Mr. Seever, to pay bills in the amount of \$245,205.84. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. York, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to adjourn at 7:27 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk