

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2022

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

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

Staff present: Dan Barber, Tricia Diduch, Corine Hughes and Michele Prather

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. York, second by Mr. Seever, to waive the reading of the May 17, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Ms. May, second by Mr. Fridly, to approve the May 17, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Ms. May, second by Mr. York, to waive the reading of the May 19, 2022 special Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to approve the May 17, 2022 special Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Schelling addressed the Village Board and stated that it is an honor to have Matt Hollinger appointed as police chief this evening. Mr. Schelling retired from the Rockford Police Department as a sergeant and most recently retired as police chief in the Village of Durand. Mr. Schelling stated that Matt's appointment is well deserved and that he is the vision of integrity, dedication and commitment.

PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARDS TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKTON, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2022 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2023

Mayor Peterson opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm. Mayor Peterson went over some of the expenditures and how the Village is spending its funds this year. Mayor Peterson added that it was not just about making cuts, but looking at revenue projections. Mayor Peterson stated that the Village took a conservative approach to revenue and added that there was a \$3/month increase in garbage service fees. Hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Peterson closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm.

MAYOR PETERSON

Motion by Mr. York to approve the Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive" to be held on Friday, September 16th at the intersection of Salem and Union Streets from 3 – 7 pm, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. York to approve the appointment of Matt Hollinger as Police Chief, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0. The Village Clerk swore in Chief Hollinger.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the appointment of Michele Prather as Village Collector, second by Mr. Seever. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the appointment of Corine Hughes as Village Treasurer, second by Ms. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL & BUDGET – MS. MAY

Motion by Ms. May to approve the 3-year audit proposal from Sikich, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Ms. May to approve Ordinance 2022-6: An Ordinance Providing the Appropriation of Funds for the Operation of the Village of Rockton for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2022 and Ending May 31, 2023, second by Mr. Seever. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION – MR. YORK

None.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLID

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve Ordinance 2022-7: An Ordinance Amending Section 50.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois Regarding Garbage Collection Fees, second by Mr. Seever. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve Resolution 2022-114: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Adopting Residential Construction Building and Zoning Checklist, second by Mr. Seever. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve Ordinance 2022-8: Amending Water System Maintenance Fee, second by Mrs. Honkamp. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. DANIELSON

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. HONKAMP

Motion by Mrs. Honkamp to approve the special events application for “Drive 815” to be held June – October at the Rockton Athletic Fields, second by Mr. Danielson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Honkamp to approve the fireworks permit application for Old Settlers Days (Sunday, June 19th), second by Mr. Seever. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Honkamp to approve the purchase requisition for Pearson for toilet repairs at the pool bath house in the amount of \$1,755, second by Ms. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. SEEVER

Motion by Mr. Seever to approve Ordinance 2022-9: An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance No. 2022-3 and Amending Chapter 75 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Regarding Parking Schedules to Designate No Parking on Certain Portions of Kocher Street, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. York to adjourn from regular session at 7:26 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, second by Mrs. Honkamp. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mayor Peterson called the Village Board meeting back to regular session at 7:37 pm. Roll Call. All Village Board members were present.

ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. May to approve Resolution 2022-115: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Authorizing the Village to Enter Into a Retirement Separation Agreement (David Cotter), second by Mr. Seever. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Ms. May to approve Resolution 2022-116: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Authorizing the Village to Enter Into a Retirement Separation Agreement (Stephen Dickson), second by Mrs. Honkamp. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. York to approve Resolution 2022-117: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Authorizing the Village to Enter Into an Employment Agreement (Matt Hollinger), second by Mrs. Honkamp. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. May shared the Rockton Police Department activity summary from May 16th – 31st with the Village Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Peterson stated that it is sad to see Mr. Fridly go and that he will be missed. Mr. Fridly stated that this was a hard decision to make, but that the current Village Board is a good board and that he feels comfortable leaving and appreciates what everyone has done for the Village. Mayor Peterson advised the Village Board that Dan Baumgartner will be appointed at the next Village Board meeting as Village Trustee. Mayor Peterson added that Mr. Seever will chair the Public Works Committee and that Ms. May will be returning to the Public Works Committee as well. Mayor Peterson stated that Mr. York will be moving to the Budget & Finance Committee.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. York, second by Ms. May, to pay bills in the amount of \$301,551.06. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Ms. May, second by Mr. Fridly, to adjourn at 7:42 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk