

## VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the July 11, 2022

Regular Council Meeting

President Michael Miller called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Members of the Council present: Michael Miller, Dan Fishel, Tony Medina, Angela Cook, and Joanne Lederman. Maureen Ruddy (V). Heather Roemer, unexcused absent. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Pro Temp, Tammy Menghini. Public present at the meeting were, Don Dixon, Debbie Emery, Lance Cherven, Sean Miller, Dana Schulz, Tim O'Rourke, Jennie Walker, Mary Beebe, Ed Thoma, Ben Lowe, Corey Bohnsack and Bill Curnilia. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Cook, seconded by Medina, to accept the Consent Agenda with requests from Fishel to have the DDA minutes be more detailed along with full names on signing. Medina mentioned a need for public restrooms which the Craf Center is working on it. The bills to be paid this month in the amount of \$9,713.43. Ayes: Fishel, Cook, Medina, Miller & Lederman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

### REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Medina, seconded by Lederman to approve the Regular Agenda. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Lederman, and Cook. Nays: None. The motion carried.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden welcomed everyone for coming out and recognized Lance Cherven, DPW Supervisor for his 5 years of service. Lance will be leaving the Village and going to the State Of Michigan. Alden thanked Cherven for the great job Lance has done and assured him he will be missed. Alden mentioned that at this time Lance's position is being assessed and tasks will be given to other DPW workers until further notice.

Alden received a letter this past week from MEDC & MSF re: a "Gathering Grant" and we have made it to the next level which is great news for the Village.

801 Lake St is no longer a property of the Roscommon Village. The closing was on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Tin Fish has an accepted offer on the building and a meeting in the near future is set with the new owners.

Issues of parking within the Village are a continuing issue and were brought up by Alden. Alden said that it was brought to his attention that the Holland house was recently put up for sale had an extra lot behind it and with the extra lot, parking might be a possibility. Also brought to his attention was the property at 412 S Fifth would be going up for sale and the

homeowner would give the Village first chance at it for possible parking. Council said that there is more of a housing issue and thought it would be best to keep the house. Alden will bring this to the DDA as well.

The ribbon on some of the light poles are being used as markers for the company repairing the electrical.

#### PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Corey Bohnsack brought up his concern on Crosswalks.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Report — by Lance Cherven-DPW Director

All Lift Stations have been updated and all pumps are in. The company is coming back in November to put the final touch on the large lift station.

Every five years the water tower has to be drained and inspected and cleaned This was completed and done. The cost of the Tower was rolled into the Dwam Grant which paid 100% of the cost.

Wyckoff Street is all completed.

Due to the cost, we will be refurbishing the plow truck.

Dwam Grant will start some time after July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cherven confirmed that Blanchard Electric will report to Consumers on the light poles that need the work completed.

Debbie Emery to take the class for her CDL.

Small update from MEDC Certification that things are in the works for helping the Village with the new opportunities available.

Planning Commission is reviewing the Recreational Marijuana and Zoning Ordinance at the upcoming meeting. The Council will have time to review and then proceed on any issues that they see.

Motion to approve USDA Change Order #5 for RCL Construction increase of \$4,089.00 by Fishel, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve USDA Change Order #5 for Elmer's increase of \$6,490.00 by Medina, seconded by Miller. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve USDA Change Order #7 for Sterling Excavation to decrease payment \$15,779.04 by Cook, seconded by Lederman. Ayes: Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve USDA 440-11 for Fleis & Vendenbrink for the sum of \$10, 998.64 for water improvements by Medina, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve USDA 440-11 for Fleis & Vendenbrink for the sum of 11,334.58 for wastewater improvements by Miller, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Fishel, Cook, Medina, Miller, Lederman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Interlocal Agreement with Higgins Township to work with their Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector until the time that the State of Michigan approves the Village to do their own inspections by Medina, seconded by Lederman. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to Amend Ordinance #56 – Plumbing to give the authority back to the Village to do the Plumbing Inspections by Lederman, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Fishel, Medina, and Lederman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to Amend Ordinance #57 – Mechanical to give the authority back to the Village to do Mechanical Inspections by Cook, seconded by Miller. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Cook, Lederman, and Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Medina makes the motion to get quote to repaint white crosswalk markings in the Village not to exceed \$2,500.00, seconded by Lederman. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Roscommon Motel has contacted the Village about wastewater issues, possibly hooking up to the Village system. They have met with the DPW and discussed some options. This is for the Council to be aware. Alden will keep them informed.

Alden informed the Council about the DNR State Land Auctions. There is a lot of 34 acres across from the Post Office that is up for auction. Some of the lot is buildable. This is information for the Council to think about.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Medina has some concerns about the grating and the steps to the river at Wallace Park. He proposes to plant a tree and put a dog waste station. Alden will check into the expense and solution to the issues.

Fishel proposes to have an historical book together for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Village by the fall.

### PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Tim O’Roarke is running for District 2 County Commissioner seat.

Ben Lowe, Under Sheriff, requesting support to pass renewal for the Sheriff Patrol.

Mary Beebe is running for District Court Judge

Ed Thoma introducing himself as he was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Village of Roscommon.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina stating that part of being on the council is to represent the people so if you have health problems, vacations, other obligations, maybe this isn’t the job for you.

Fishel agrees with Medina and some Council people should be more diligent about attending.

Lederman requesting how the Community Garden is going. Ruddy stated that they would love any volunteers interested in helping. Lederman then asked about the music system for

downtown and was told that the Chamber controls that. The Village is also working on getting the downtown clock fixed.

Miller thanked Lance Cherven for his years of service. Thanked the public also.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Trimming trees over sidewalks

Marijuana/Zoning Ordinance

Crosswalks

Roscommon Motel

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm by Fishel, seconded by Cook – all in favor, motion carried.

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Michael Miller

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Tammy Menghini-Clerk Pro Tem