

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the August 8, 2022

Regular Council Meeting

President Michael Miller called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Michael Miller, Dan Fishel, Tony Medina, Angela Cook, Joanne Lederman, Heather Roemer, and Maureen Ruddy. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson. Public present at the meeting were Gary Boyle, Debbie Emery, Andrew Haenftling, Dan Scow, Sean Brabant, Krista Tracy-Cater, Cindy Armstrong, Jason Sharpe, Kyle Stonehouse, etc... The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Cook, seconded by Lederman, to accept the Consent Agenda with the correction on the DDA minutes regarding attendance and voting, and with bills to be paid in the amount of \$15,778.29. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Lederman, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden told of flyer for the Fall Waste Collection by the Roscommon County Road Commission that is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022, at the County garage.

Alden explained and thanked the COOR ISD kids and the supervisor that worked at the Village Hall this last summer. They did a great job, and we are hoping they will be back next year.

The Roscommon Motel is continuing to improve, and they did inquire about hooking into our sewer system, however he can not do it at this time but thanked the Village for their continued support.

The Village of Roscommon is working on qualifying for a CDBG grant worth \$919,870.00. Once all the final paperwork has been submitted, the Village will hear from MEDC whether they will receive the grant. This grant has no matching funds.

MEDC grants have been issued to several businesses. This money has helped in renovation and improvements to local businesses. The Roscommon DDA has handed out grants in excess of \$16,000.00 so far this year.

There will be a closing scheduled for the sale of the property in the Industrial Park for Ostling that was discussed in the Public Hearing prior to the Council Meeting.

The old Tin Fish has been sold to a group of investors and Alden has met with them. They have also purchased the Ameluxen house and the Holland house. They have a lot of ideas and are meeting with the Village to work them all out for more parking and businesses.

Alden has met with the new owners of the Spruce Lodge. They are planning to put a new roof on and in time do several other improvements.

Alden has kept in touch with the DNR about the parcel of property that is for sale across from the Post Office about the Village purchasing it.

Alden and Scow have been putting together ideas for a 150th birthday party for the Village of Roscommon. They will be getting donations to fund the party from individuals and business owners in town.

Alden gave an update on the mixed use property on M-18.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Report –

The DWAM Project is getting started and is going well. They have been working with MISS DIG. They have been trimming branches all over town that hang over the sidewalks.

Learning the billing, coding, budgets, and ordering, scheduling projects.

Within the next couple of months they will look at a possible supervisor, but waiting to see how the team is doing and they are doing very well. Will look at it again soon.

Fishel commenting on all the compliments on social media on such a clean and bright town.

Crosswalk marking is proceeding. Just waiting to get together with the contractor to set all of the places that need to be done.

Motion to approve USDA 440-11 F&V Water Invoice for \$37,507.53 by Fishel, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Lederman, Miller, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve USDA 440-11 F&V Wastewater Invoice for \$23,071.98 by Lederman, seconded by Ruddy. Ayes: Ruddy, Roemer, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion for USDA Change Order #2, Robert T. Cole, Inc. for \$9,737.00 by Medina, seconded by Miller. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Roemer, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize Village Manager, Ron Alden, to sign all documentation for the CDBG Grant by Cook, seconded by Fishel. Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

It is the recommendation of the Roscommon Planning Commission that the Village Council review and familiarize themselves with the Marijuana Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance and go over it next month at the September Council Meeting. This is also the recommendation of the Village attorney. If any further changes need to be made it will go back to the Attorney and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Alden went over another budget review with the Council. All accounts are in the acceptable range of usage and income.

Alden and Scow proposed a 150th celebration party for the Village on October 8, 2022 at the AuSable River Center. They have a couple of bands in mind to play music and would also like to cook out hotdogs and serve chips and refreshments. Also get a tent and a few kegs of beer. Motion to authorize them to spend up to \$3,000.00 to secure the bands, etc... with the money coming back to the Village from donations by Roemer, seconded by Ruddy. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Children's Assessment center is still in negotiations with the old Chase Bank building.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina- The Iron Bell Trail is now running through Grayling along I-75.

Ruddy-The COOR ISD kids did a great job at the community garden and Maureen wanted to thank them for all their help.

Fishel- Pointed out that we went through the Primary Election and it did not affect the Village Council.

Roemer-Nice to see all the foot traffic on the weekends here in town.

Cook-Thank you Ron & Dan and everyone else for all of the hard work

Lederman- Thank you to all who work for the Village. The work on the town clock is still in the research mode. It is very expensive to work on so it may be an idea to get a new one.

Miller-Thank everyone for all their hard work.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

5 member board, Crosswalk, Property Auction, Marijuana Zoning/Ordinance, 150th Birthday Bash

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Medina, seconded by Fishel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk