

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON  
Minutes of the October 10, 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, Maureen Ruddy. Heather Roemer was absent/excused. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson. Public present at the meeting were Debbie Emery, Kyle Stonehouse, Jason Sharpe, Troy Daniels, Dan Scow, Don Dixon. 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 bills to be paid in the amount of \$11,323.19. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden stated to Medina that Roemer was absent because of her brother possibly having a stroke, so she was at the hospital with him.

Reminder for the meeting of the Five Families coming up on October 20, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Alden has talked to anyone he can at the Post Office with no results, he is trying to contact post masters, and has talked to Congressmen to see if they can find out what is going on and what they plan to do.

Chase Bank building is considering lowering the price of the building.

MEDC Grants are still ongoing. (Hiawatha – no match grant) We have been assigned a Grant Administrator, which is a good sign. Alden and Scow are still pursuing the Spark Grant with could help with the bridge going across the river to Wallace Park.

American Rescue Plan Act is still ongoing. They are scrambling to get info together so that they can hopefully give away some monies before the end of the year. The Village is looking for some infrastructure money. Another round of funding for the Match on Main grants hopefully coming.

The old Tin Fish building has been purchased. They are the same buyers of the Holland House and the old Ameluxen house. They are deciding if it will be more costly to rebuild or refurbish.

The new owners of the Spruce Lodge have been working on the building with putting on a new roof and painting.

Gahagan has purchased the land across from the Post Office. They will be working with the Village to do an easement for our lift station.

Alden gave a big Thank you to the flower committee. They all did a very good job through the summer with the weeding and watering to keep the flowers looking great.

Alden gave a big Thank you to all of the volunteers and businesses that donated and helped out with the Sesquicentennial Celebration. It was a huge success and everyone is wanting to make it an annual Rosctober Celebration.

#### PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

##### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Report – Debbie Emery

The crew has been working on the light poles to get them all up and running.

Leaf pick up will start this week.

Flushing hydrants are finished.

Well 5 – Metro Park - will be done on Wednesday.

Emery passed her CDL test and is excited to get started on using it.

There is a bit of a sink spot near the Main Street bridge that is cautioned taped off and is in the process of being fixed.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Lederman to approve F&V USDA Water 440-11 Invoice for \$338.62. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Fishel, seconded by Medina to approve F&V USDA Wastewater 440-11 Invoice for \$7,196.50. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Medina, Lederman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Cook to approve bid for new heating/cooling system for Village Hall from Cooke Sheet Metal for \$34,563.00. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

##### NEW BUSINESS

Alden scheduled a 2023 Budget Meeting for Monday – October 24, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to appoint the Village Manager (Alden) to serve as the Retail Recreational Marijuana Administrator by Ruddy, seconded by Lederman. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Retail Recreational Marijuana Application as written by Lederman, seconded by Medina. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Requested by RARA to the Village Council to review the new RARA Master Plan and possibly approve it at the November meeting.

Motion to approve Future Overhead Utility Line Ordinance as written by Medina, seconded by Ruddy. Ayes: Fishel. Nays: Ruddy, Cook Medina, Miller, Lederman. Motion not passed. The Council requested it go back to DDA and be revised to remove the language that limits banners to go across the roads.

Motion by Lederman, seconded by Cook to affirm the Village Master Plan as is. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Lederman, Cook Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Medina wants it reviewed that the Council Members should not be allowed to miss meetings for vacations.

Fishel noted that Gallagher has started his business in the Industrial Park.

#### PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Troy Daniels gave a small talk about his candidacy for Roscommon County District Court Judge Dan scow voiced his displeasure at Medina for accusing other Council members about missing to many meetings for personal reasons and undermining some of Councils decisions on facebook and in the public. He also counseled the other Council members to stand up and stop letting Medina put them all down.

He also thanked everyone for all of their help with the celebration and to keep positive going forward.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina- Impressed with RARA.

Ruddy- Proud of community coming together for the celebration.

Fishel- Elections coming up Nov. 8, 2022 and remind people of Columbus Day. Compliment Alden and Scow for the Sesquicentennial Celebration – also Laura Cherven for her historical contribution to the Historical Society.

Cook-Very Proud of the whole town and reminding people of elections and the Hedley Amendment.

Lederman- Had all positive comments about the Sesq Celebration. Will be checking people more on things that she does think is harmful to the Village morale.

Miller- Thank Debbie Emery for CDL, support for Troy Daniels, thank you to all who helped and participated in the Sesq. Celebration.

#### ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Capital Improvement plan, Participation Plan, Annual Budget, Marijuana Application Resolution, Utility Line Ordinance, 2023 calendars, employee handbook.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fishel, seconded by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

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Michael Miller  
Village President

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Frances Dawson  
Village Clerk