

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the September 12, 2022
Regular Council Meeting

President Michael Miller called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:02 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, Sean Brabant, Jason Sharpe, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Ruddy, to accept the Consent Agenda with bills to be paid in the amount of \$11,272.56. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Lederman, Miller, Roemer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Medina to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of RCL Construction Wastewater change order #6 in the amount of \$13,164.00. Ayes: Ruddy, Roemer, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Thank you all for coming.

Flyer for 150th celebration coming up on October 8, 2022. Special guest appearances, music for the day by local bands, activities for kids, food and drinks. Looking for volunteers for the day.

Blocking off Brooks St. from the railroad tracks to Main St. Everyone is welcome!!

Recently the cooling/heating system has gone out at Village Hall. They have been looked at and need to be replaced. We will be putting an ad in the paper for bids.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fishel to allow Manager to gather bids and make the decision on how to proceed with the heating/cooling issue. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Roemer, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

All of the paperwork for Hiawatha have been submitted to MEDC and the Village will officially be awarded to the grant soon. Waiting to hear from MDNR for the non matching grant to build the bridge from Hiawatha to Wallace Park.

The Ostling property closed last week, all is good there.

The old Tin Fish may have to be torn down – looking if BC building has been damaged also over the years. Not sure how soon with the cost of building still fairly high. Alden and Scow have been helping the new owners check out and apply for grants to help offset the high cost.

The Spruce Lodge is doing improvements to the roof and will be painting the building.

The property that the DNR was auctioning is in the process of getting turned over to Gahaghn and RARA and they have agreed to the Village purchasing a portion of the land for our well house and some extra property for future housing.

The Holland House has been sold and the Village has been talking to the new owners about purchasing a portion of the lot and putting in a small parking lot.

The CRAF Center is in the process of changing the doors on the front of the building so that we will have public restrooms available in the Village. This is being funded by the DDA.

Medina inquired about the progress on the crosswalks and was told that it probably would not be done till spring. Medina would also like the Village to check into helping removing some of the dead oak trees around town.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Report –

The DWAM grant has done the preliminary work on determining which areas have led and/or copper pipes. They will continue to determine this and be ready to proceed in the spring.

Emery is continuing to qualify for her CDL.

They are starting to prepare for winter.

The ponds and equipment have been gone over.

They are working on the light poles to make sure they are all in working order.

Fishel requested that he would like to see them come to a solution for Matt's parking lot.

Motion to authorize Manager to be Certifying Officer to sign for CDBG by Medina, seconded by Lederman. Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Roemer to approve USDA Water invoice 440-11 for F&V for \$4,868.14.

Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Cook to approve USDA Wastewater invoice 440-11 for F&V for \$16,691.60. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Roemer, Medina, Lederman. Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Lederman to approve USDA wastewater RCL Construction change order #6 for \$13,164.00. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Lederman, Miller, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lederman, seconded by Ruddy to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Village of Roscommon Zoning Ordinance as written. Ayes: Ruddy, Roemer, Miller, Lederman, Cook.

Nays: Medina, Fishel. Motion carried.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Lederman to approve the Recreational Marijuana Establishment Ordinance No 96 of 2022 as written. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Roemer, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Cook to approve the Resolution to name the Roscommon Village Manager as our Street Administrator. Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Roemer for the Village Manager to pursue the feasibility and cost of the parking lot to be behind Holland House. Ayes: Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: Miller, Fishel, Medina. Motion carried.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Cook to start the process to drop to a 5 person Council. Ayes: Fishel, Medina. Nays: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Roemer, Lederman. Motion did not pass.

Alden will be giving Executive Summaries pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance in sections every month so that the council can review them and any updates for the year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fishel has a very serious issue with people speeding in the Village and everywhere and believes that the police should crack down on it more than they do. He will be contacting the Sheriff's office, not as a representative of the Council, but as a concerned citizen.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Dixon is very happy with the DPW and the Village and all the wonderful things happening.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina- Likes the attention to Facebook, & the activities going on at Gahaghn.

Ruddy-She would like to volunteer for the 150th party.

Fishel-

Roemer-Reminder of the Firemen's Memorial and the Pancake Breakfast at the Higgins Twp. Fire Hall.

Cook-She read a Thank you note from Gahaghn for a donation that they received and thanked Medina for mentioning their activities.

Lederman- Thank you to all who came to the meeting and the public that does support us.

Miller-Thank the DPW, everyone stay safe, Youth Football.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

2023 Budget, Marijuana update, update yearly contracts, Holland House Upatee

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. All in favor.

Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk