

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the November 14, 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, Maureen Ruddy, Heather Roemer. Joanne Lederman was absent/excused. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson. Public present at the meeting were Debbie Emery, Dan Scow, Tammy Menghini, Sue Jock, Krista Tacy-Cater, Mike Walker. 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 \$16,679.98. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Medina, seconded by Ruddy to approve the Regular Agenda with the additions of USDA Change Order and Resolution to authorize applying for Sparks Grant. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Roemer, Medina. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Five Families Meeting went great. Had a good turn out and was very informative. Latest word on the Post Office is that it may open in early December but nothing definite. The Compost site is scheduled to close on Friday – November 18 – at 4:00 pm. The DPW will continue to do leaf pick up as long as the weather permits. The Village purchased live trees that they will be setting at some of the light poles with the businesses to decorate with lots of lights and any theme they would like. Chase Bank has lowered the price of the building to \$299,000.00. Dan Scow handed out a flyer with an update on the grant work that has been being done.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Report – Debbie Emery

Metro Park – Well 5 is up and running. Water side of USDA is almost done, just waiting on parts. The sewer side is waiting on parts so it may be until March. Another light pole in town was hit and is in the process of being fixed.

The plow trucks and snow blower are gone over and ready for the weather to change.
The DWAM grant project is on schedule and set for the year.
Leaf pick up has been very busy and will continue.

Motion by Fishel, seconded by Medina to approve the change order for Elmers for USDA, which is extended to January, waiting on parts, for \$13282.50 . Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Miller, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Cook to approve F&V USDA Water 440-11 Invoice for \$561.09 to pay through October 1, 2022. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Roemer, Medina. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Roemer to approve F & V USDA Wastewater in the amount of \$5,295.75. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Miller, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Fishel, seconded by Ruddy to approve the USDA Change Order #2 for Robert T. Cole to extend to 12-31-2022. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Cook to approve the Village of Roscommon 2023 Budget with millage and levy - total appropriations of \$5,048,650.00. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, roemer, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Ruddy to approve the Resolution to approve the RARA Master Plan Review. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Medina to approve Ordinance No. 99 – Future Overhead Utility Lines/Banners. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Fishel to repeal Ordinance No. 89 – Sale of marijuana in the Village of Roscommon. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Cook to approve the Resolution for Retail Recreational Marijuana Permit Fee of \$5,000.00. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Ruddy to approve Capital Improvement Plan. Ayes: Ruddy, Roemer, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Council has the Participation Plan for review.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Miller to approve Police Protection Contract for 2023 – 2026 (3 years) for \$30,000.00 per year. Ayes: Ruddy, Roemer, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Fishel, seconded by Roemer to approve Village Manager to post/hire an Associate Director of Economic Development funded by the DDA. Ayes: Medina, Fishel. Nays: Cook, Roemer, Ruddy, Miller. Motion did not pass.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Ruddy to approve Village Manager to post/hire an Associate Director of Economic Development for \$1,600.00 per month to be paid by the Village. Ayes: Ruddy, Roemer, Medina, Miller, Cook. Nays: Fishel. Motion carried.

The Village received a letter that was generated randomly from the State of Michigan to inquire what our procedures are for updating our water/sewer billing, bank statement reconciliation, updating equipment rental and mileage paid. The Manager and staff have written up a list of answers and our Auditor will review it and send it in to the State.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Medina a Resolution to Authorize to pursue application for the Sparks Grant in the amount of \$770,000.00 with the Village to match 10% for the Hiawatha development. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Roemer, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Cook for the Village President to keep their pay to \$225.00 per month, and \$25.00 for special meetings. Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Ruddy to keep Council pay at \$175.00 per month and special meeting pay at \$25.00. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Roemer talked about a town in Michigan that was on the news and their approach to affordable housing. It was discussed that it is possible to put in septic and/or wells for the time being until the sewer is available.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sue Jock reminding Council that the RARA plan is for the Village and the Township and not just RARA. That would make eligibility for further grants/programs.

Jock talked about the Reindeer Run and Baby It's Cold Outside. Christmas in the Village
Jock also talked about the Associate Director of Economic Development.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina- Remind everyone about Small Business Saturday.

Ruddy- Talking to everyone about how happy they are with the leaf pick up.

Fishel- Agrees with Ruddy. Other townships really like the service.

Miller- Thank everyone for being President again – thank Council, DPW.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

USDA, posting of marijuana plan, and all other plans we have, calendars for 2023, etc...

Fishel makes motion to go to closed session at 8:34 pm. Seconded by Cook. All in favor.

Open Closed Session at 8:40 pm to discuss Manager, Clerk, and Treasurer wages for 2023-2024.

Closed Closed Session at 9:13 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fishel, seconded by Medina to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk