

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the August 14, 2023
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, Jennifer Smejkal. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson, DPW director, Debbie Emery, Economic Director, Jim Perialas. Public present at the meeting are on the attached Sign In Sheet. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lederman, seconded by Cook, to accept the Consent Agenda with bills to be paid in the amount of \$18,132.47. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Smejkal. Nays: Medina. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Cook, seconded by Ruddy to approve the Regular Agenda with a change of removing Elmers final pay for USDA as the bill did not come through yet. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Smejkal, Cook, Medina, Miller, Lederman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Jock presented the new RARA Newsletter that explains in more detail what the RARA Board is doing and all of the officers on the board.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden thanked RARA and Gahagan for their well put together Newsletters.

Mornings with the Manager is this Thursday, August 17th. The meetings have been going very well.

Alden and Perialas went to a meeting in Atlanta pertaining to businesses that are having problems from the Covid Pandemic. There are applications that you can fill out to request monetary help with your business.

The old Roscommon Motel – the New Roscommon Sleep & Stay – is hooked up to the Village water and sewer.

A Pre-Bid meeting for the Hiawatha Project went very well.

Shepke has requested to purchase the other two lots that he requested be held for him in the Industrial Park.

The Huron Pines DNR Program has been through our compost site looking for invasive species. The tree for Wallace Park is now at the landscapers and they are scheduling a meeting to move it and plant it at the Park.

We have had no response to the Blight Officer job. The Sheriff's office is understaffed and no one else has applied.

The Food Distribution is on the 26th of August at the bus garage.

There will be a training this Wednesday for Village and DPW team building for our RRC Certification.

The DPW will be researching closing the road in the winter by NuCraft due to a water line that is not far down.

There has been no new information on the RV Park & Stay.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW UPDATE – Debbie Emery

Mission Point has been hooked up with new meters.

USDA is finishing up all of the small jobs at the end of the project.

Tisdale & Ester Court will be being paved soon.

The No Parking between signs have been placed on 4th Street behind Family Fare.

Haenftling and Emery went to a training on wastewater and aeration.

The DPW Seasonal worker – Andre Janisse – is working out great. He will be returning to school in a few weeks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE –

The town clock has been fixed – Thank you to the Lions Club, Rotary, and DDA for making this happen.

Perialas talked to Jory at the CRAF Center and thanked him for the Wednesday Concerts – it bought in about 150 people for each concert. They are all set for next summer to have them again.

Homecoming is October 9th. The kids will be painting the stores windows this year.

Tin Fish and Chase banks plans have changed again. Not exactly sure until spring of 2024.

The Depot Candle Shop got a new fasade grant and will be starting work anytime.

Uncommonly Good also got a fasade grant and they will be finishing the outside soon.

This Saturday, August 19th will be a Grand Opening for Special Beginnings Birthing Center at noon with Hotdogs and ice cream.

The fall Roctoberfest will be Saturday October 14th at 4:00 pm with bands starting at 5:00pm.

There will be 4 bands playing throughout the evening, a few food trucks, and beer, pop, water.

There will be kids games and events.

The Housing project is on going and they are continuing to have meetings regarding this issue.

The Master Plan survey results are in. The Planning Commission will review the results and decide where to go with those results.

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Miller to extend Robert T. Cole’s time extension to Nov. 27, 2023. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Smejkal, Lederman, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Lederman to approve the USDA Wastewater payment for fleis & Vandenbrink for the amount of \$23,717.60. Ayes: Ruddy, smejkal, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried/

Motion by Lederman, seconded by Ruddy to approve the USDA Water payment for Fleis & Vandenbrink for \$363.31. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Smejkal, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lederman, seconded by Cook to approve Resolution for the Roscommon County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ayes: Smejkal, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Fishel, seconded by Lederman to approve the designation to the Village Manager as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment request, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the Grant. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Smejkal. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Alden gave an update on the pre-bid meeting for the Hiawatha Project. This meeting is for the contractors to ask questions to the engineers so that their bids can be as accurate as possible. The time line on the beginning of the project depends on getting all of the paperwork out in a timely manner and getting the approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina – Thank everyone for coming to meeting.

Ruddy – Really like the Newsletters.

Fishel – Firewood out of his yard soon. Gallagher doing a great business. Credit Union has a new branch, Lear is hiring and met guys golfing at Forest Dunes from Pennsylvania.

Compliment Ruddy on the Community Garden.

Cook – Questioned Jock on the start of Metro Park Project –

Lederman – Thank Perialas for report. Hears positive comments about our town all the time.

Miller – Thank you to the community, thank flower committee, thank DPW.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Time line for speakers at public meetings.

Land sale at the Industrial Park

Update on Hiawatha Project bids.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lederman , 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