

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the September 11, 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 Ruddy, to accept the Consent Agenda with bills to be paid in the amount of \$14,457.11. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Smejkal, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to all.

Roctoberfest is Saturday, October 14th. There are four or five bands scheduled, food trucks, drinks, kids games, etc.

We are in negotiations with the Old Chase Bank Building owners about the back parking lot. Last months Mornings with the Manager went very well. Lots of new ideas and questions. The MOM meeting for September will be handled by Jim Perialas as Ron Alden will be gone. The old Roscommon Motel is all hooked up with inspections done and they are ready to start receiving bills.

The Road Commission has said that they hope to get Tisdale/Ester Court done by the end of September. Hilltop Lane will be started tomorrow 9-12-2023.

Sidewalk repair bids were opened today and awarded to Shepke. The work will be on 4th Street between Brooks and Shelley, and across the street. The work will start tomorrow.

Shepke will be purchasing lots 13 & 14 in the Industrial Park in the next little while. It will be posted in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

The Huron Pines study of the Compost site poisonous weeds was completed and we do not have any of the bad weeds.

We should be hearing the status on the Sparks Grant soon.

The EGLE Grant for new water lines in town and the industrial Park was denied.

COOR ISD has a program that has kids working for the summer here at the Village and they did a wonderful job. They are back to working two days a week for the winter here at the office. They are great kids and are fun to have around.

Food distribution is set for Saturday, September 23 at the bus garage. TEFAP is doing their food distribution the following Monday at the VFW. There is also a food distribution at the Sheriff's Department on Friday the 15th.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW UPDATE – Debbie Emery

The DPW will start flushing hydrants this month.

Banners are up for Fireman's Memorial.

The last of the USDA work on the lift stations will be done shortly.

Andre Janisse, their summer worker, is back in school and greatly missed. The DPW crew was very happy with his work.

The large dump truck will be back from getting refabbed before the end of the month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE –

There is a quilt tour of buildings coming soon.

Five Buds is waiting for inspections from the State of Michigan.

The local school will be painting windows in town for Homecoming. The Homecoming parade is set for October 6, 2023.

The Depot Candle Shop has almost finished their facade grant.

Uncommonly Good is finished with the exterior of their building.

Volunteers are needed for the Roctoberfest. Please contact Ron Alden, Jim Perialas, or Tammy Menghini if you would like to help out.

Perialas will continue to attend housing meetings with investors and the Housing Study Survey.

Motion by Smejkal, seconded by Cook to approve USDA final payment to Elmer's Crane & Dozer of \$27,514.87. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Smejkal. Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Ruddy to approve the USDA Wastewater payment for Fleis & Vandenbrink for the amount of \$5,416.31 to pay thru July 29, 2023. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Smejkal, Cook, Medina, Miller, Lederman. Nays: none. Motion carried

Motion by Lederman, seconded by Ruddy to approve the USDA Water payment for Fleis & Vandenbrink for \$1,868.97 to pay thru July 29, 2023. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Smejkal, Lederman, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Fishel to approve DWAM Grant Change Order for the sum of \$22,750.00. Ayes: Ruddy, Smejkal, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Laderman, Cook . Nays: none.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A talk was given by Michelle Ewan and Nancy Smitz from the Roscommon County Literacy Program about helping to improve the reading capabilities of the kids in Roscommon County.

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Lederman to approve an award to the Roscommon County Literacy Committee the sum of \$2,000, yearly, for the committees book program. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Smejkal, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Alden gave an update on the Hiawatha Bids that were submitted. They are still with Fleis & Vandenbrink and the MEDC to be approved. There are meetings every Wednesday morning where they review where they are at in the approval.

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Smejkal to approve the revised DDA Bylaws as written. Ayes: Ruddy, Smejkal, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fishel requested a discussion on putting a time limit of 15 to 20 minutes on any proposal or guest speaker to the Council.

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Cook to approve a three year contract for auditing services from UHYLLP for the amounts of – 2024-#11,275/2025-\$12,000 and 2026-\$12,900. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Smejkal, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina – Thank Dan Fishel for having the Historical Society open every Saturday.

Ruddy – Loves the way the downtown has grown and looks lately.

Fishel – Flowers look better than ever. Shepke building in Industrial Park looks great. Wants people to know about all of the historic buildings that are in town and they should be acknowledged. There is a new house going up on State Street.

Smejkal - Thank you Debbie for water/sewer work. Thank Perialas for housing pursuits. Thank the women on the Literacy Council.

Cook – Thank you ladies from the Literacy Council.

Lederman – Joanne agrees with everyone.

Miller – Thank you to the council, Literacy Program, DPW, etc...

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Budget, 5 Families Meeting on October 19, 2023, Purchase Order for two lots in the Industrial Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cook , seconded by Lederman to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. All in favor.
Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk