

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the April 13, 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, and Maureen Ruddy. Joanne Lederman, was absent/excused. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson, DPW director, Debbie Emery and Economic Director, Jim Perialas. Public present at the meeting are attached on the Sign In Sheet. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Miller, seconded by Cook, to accept the Consent Agenda with bills to be paid in the amount of \$21,001.39, and the deletion of the Police Report. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Medina. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Medina, seconded by Cook to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of a closed session after #10 on the Agenda and a discussion on the Compost. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Clean Up is set for April 29, 2023 at the AuSable River Center. The Canoe Race for RARA has been set for April 22, 2023.

The Village of Roscommon has an article in the MML Review book about the upcoming project at Hiawatha.

The Chase Bank Auction went well. Some local investors have purchased the building and will be revealing their plans for it shortly.

The closing for lots 20 & 21 in the Industrial Park is done and went well.

The Compost Site will be opening on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 with the hours to be 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. The new fencing will be going in soon and a shed that sits at Hiawatha will be moved to the Compost Site for storage.

The Staff Training is going well. March was a class on CPR and the AED machine and was taught by Aaron Grace.

The Five Families meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 6:00 pm at Village Hall.

May 15, 2023 will be a Public Hearing for F&V to explain to everyone about the new project this summer for replacing more water lines in the Village. The Public Hearing will be at 7:00 pm

The April CD renewal has happened and will be at 4.05% for 12 months.

The March Morning with the Manager went very well and this month it will be April 20, 2023 at 9:00 am.

The Multi Use Hog is at the company that made it and is getting fixed. We should have it back in about 2 weeks. They will be having some training on it for a few different things later in the summer.

Saturday, April 22, 2023 @ 9:00 am will be the food distribution at the School Bus Garage.

We are still waiting for approval on the several grants that the Village has been applying for and to make sure how they are funded.

The Crosswalk and parking space lines will be painted in the spring.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW UPDATE –

Next week leaf pickup will start.

The DPW crew has been working on cleaning up leaning trees and branches.

They are getting ready to start the discharge in May.

They have been working on the VAC truck and getting it out to do some work.

The USDA is finishing up the Well house work.

The County did Street Sweeping this week.

The DPW will be working on cleaning up the sidewalks by trimming and killing weeds.

Economic Development Update –

Perialas and Alden attended a State Housing meeting last week. They will be sending out information on how they plan to attack the housing issue and hopefully their solutions.

They will be meeting with a local housing task force to discuss the issue.

They will be attending a Roscommon County Tourism Meeting on April 12, 2023 to do a State Assessment on Tourism.

Match on Main grants do not go to anyone in Roscommon.

There are a couple of fasad grants that are ongoing.

The Resorter will be doing a feature on the DPW Wastewater facility. There will be an open house at a later date.

Perialas is working with the high school students on some historical signs that will be posted around the Village.

The new spring banners are up and in May the Seniors will have some banners up.

Perialas and Emery will work on a Water Tower tour. The Resorter will be doing a feature on that also.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Medina to approve USDA RD WW Services with Flies & Vendenbrink in the amount of \$3,349.25. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Miller, Fishel, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Cook to approve the Mobile Food Unit Licensing Ordinance. Ayes: Cook, Fishel,, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: Medina. Motion carried.

Medina gave an update on the snowmobile trails going through the Village. He is still working with St. Helen Snowpackers, DNR, and the State. He is not sure if it will be possible, but is not giving up.

NEW BUSINESS

Alden told everyone about Denise Kline helping to update the Master Plan. The cost is \$12,000.00. MEDC will pay \$9,000.00 through a grant and then the Village will pay the remainder. This should take about a year, but then will be set for another five years.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Ruddy to approve a posting and hiring for a seasonal DPW worker to be handled by the Manager. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Cook, Medina, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Alden told everyone about the 2023 Wastewater Utility of the Year Award that the DPW received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vacant Village Council Seat –

Each candidate stood to say a few words to the Council and the public.

Mike Allen, Kathy Pardo, Jennifer Phillips, and

Kathy Mead-Rivas was not present.

Medina would like to check into the key fob gate entry like Gerrish Township uses for entry to the Compost Site. Also would like some old Oaks around the compost site taken out.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Members from the public made comments on Hull Lumber Yard expansion. They say they did not receive the letters of intent in 2020. It was in 2018 that this went to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alden has copies of the letters and the notices.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina- Canoe Race on April 22 – A couple of Clean Ups coming up

Ruddy – Happy to see 4 candidates for the Council position.

Fishel – Wants to discuss letting no more storage barns in the Village.

Cook – Happy to see all the candidates. Also all the other public coming to the meeting with some issues.

Miller – Says he will address the issues on Wyckoff. Thank you DPW for doing a great job, thank you to the Council, thank everyone for coming to the meeting.

Motion by Fishel, seconded by Cook to go into Closed Session at 8:20 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Close Closed Session at 8:56 pm

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Budget updates
Seasonal Worker
New Council Person
Participation Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fishel, seconded by Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk