

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the June 13, 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, and Joanne Lederman, with Heather Roemer, and Maureen Ruddy absent/excused. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson. Public present at the meeting were Dan Scow, Don Dixon, Sean Brabant, Krista Tracy-Cater, Lance Cherven, and Scott Rasmussen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Lederman, seconded by Cook, to accept the Consent Agenda with the deletion of the RARA motion in the May 9, 2021 Public Hearing and the new wording inserted and with bills to be paid in the amount of \$14,421.90. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Lederman and Cook. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Fishel, seconded by Medina to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of a discussion on the proposal of a Dog Park under Discussion Items. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Fishel, Medina, and Lederman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden gave updates on:

MEDC RRC Certification awarded to the Village of Roscommon on Monday June 13, 2022 at 10:30 pm at the Ausable River Center. This certification puts the Village of Roscommon in a very small group of all the communities in Michigan that are certified and eligible for many more grants and special resources.

Howard Johnson is a member of the AuSable River Property Owners Association and is going to be posting River Etiquette signs at the local canoe liveries and other places around town.

The Village of Roscommon did not get the grant from Consumers Energy.

The land division is in the works for the Ostling property purchase on the M-18 property. Fleis & Vendenbrink are starting the survey of the mixed use property on the rest of the m-18 property.

The old Pioneer Pharmacy property purchase has been put on hold do to and environmental study because of previous businesses that have been at that location.

The closing of the Wendigo property in the Industrial Park has been completed.

The lease has been extended with Fleis & Vendenbrink on the rental of the office at Village Hall.

801 Lake St. and the DDA are to close on their sale on June 21, 2022.
Roscommon County Road Commission road funds have been saved for two years, so Lance Cherven, the DPW Director will be going over local roads that need fixing with those funds.
Alden to do a fund raiser project of jumping out of an airplane to raise money for Rotary and their goal of eradicating Polio around the world.
The old Tin Fish has been shown to two different groups that are very interested.
The old Chase Bank is being looked at by the Roscommon County Children's Assessment Center.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Report – by Lance Cherven-DPW Director
The old plow truck will be repurposed and tuned up to keep using as new plow trucks are way out of our budget.
The DPW has taken on a lot more mowing jobs in the Village – they are planning in the next two weeks to get all the road edges and areas mowed and ready for the 4th of July weekend.
As part of the DWAM Grant they will be cleaning the water tower in the next few weeks.
The Lab is struggling getting supplies to keep doing the testing that they have started. They will keep the service going thru other testing avenues until supplies are more readily available.
USDA Update-Scott Rasmussen

The sewer part of the project is all but wrapped up. They will be closing the majority of it out in the next couple of weeks. The Wastewater at the treatment facility is being worked on and going well.
The Pump Stations are moving along – a few of them are done with the upgrades and they are moving on to the other ones. The sewer side of things will probably go until December.
The water side of the project is moving along very well. They are at the testing phase of Wyckoff Drive. Hope to be done by the 4th of July.
The well stations are moving along okay as well. There are some new delays but they are close to project completion.

Dan Scow gave a review of the Economic Development Plan. The Development Review Process should start with Mr. Alden. Then Zoning and/or Planning Commissions will take it from there. And then any plans will go through Council. He then went through the Goals of the Economic Development Plan. Scow would like Council to keep an eye and ear out about any housing developments and contractors that are interested in building.
The Retail Recreational Marijana project is at the zoning stages for the Planning Commission and Attorney.

Motion to approve Wastewater 440-11 for Fleis & Vandenberg in the amount of \$6,929.35 by Fishel, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Cook, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none.
Motion carried.
Motion to approve USDA Water 440-11 for Fleis & Vandenberg in the amount of \$9,118.89 by Medina, seconded by Miller. Ayes: Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none.
Motion carried.
Motion to place the Little Library Box in Wallace Park in the SW corner of the Pavilion by Medina, seconded by Fishel. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Cook. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the increase of the Administrative Fee to \$20.00 for Building/Zoning Permits by Medina, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Medina, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council Rules and Procedures to be reviewed every election year at October/November meetings.

Motion to approve L-4029 for Mills for Taxes for 2022 Taxes by Cook, seconded by Lederman. Ayes: Medina, Cook, Fishel, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Review of Mid-Year Budget by Alden. Numbers are right in line with projected budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Alden asked Council what they would prefer to do with the old Chase Bank building – whether to check into for our use or the Roscommon Children’s Assessment center could buy it and move in. They have another county wanting to join the program, so that would make 6 counties involved with their program. Alden will keep talking to the broker and see what they are willing to let the building go for.

Fishel suggested that the new Dog Park could go back in the old dry pond area in the back of the Industrial Park.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Steve, a representative from the Roscommon Area Transportation Authority gave the rising statistics on how the trips that the Mini-Bus takes now have grown. They are asking for more mileage so that they may improve their services and keep up better with the demand of their services.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina likes the new benches all around town.

Fishel is impressed with the great success of the Farmers Market. The election deadline is the end of July. Compost site is looking great.

Cook compliments Mr. Scow on his work on the MEDC Certification.

Lederman had some comments on some of the blight in the Village.

Miller to compliment DPW – going to Gaylord to help.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Marijuana Ordinance

Crosswalks marking

Chase Bank Property

Wallace Park

150 Year Anniversary for the Railroad

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fishel, seconded by Cook 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