

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Work Session

President Fishel called the work session to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Dan Fishel, Dan Scow, Brian Ludwig, Jan Deloge. Absent: Heather Roemer (arrived at 7:03 PM and Mike Miller (arrived at 7:07 PM). Others present: Clerk Dawn Dodge, Manager John Rosczyk, Jim Anderson, Tony Medina, James Ward, Kellie Ward, Anna Sylvester, Tom Barber and Shelly Linderman.

-Review of RRC process and future action that is required

Diane Love-Suvada gave an overview of the steps to become a Redevelopment Ready Community.

-Goals survey of council regarding goals and strategic planning

Trustee Scow would like to know the goals/vision of the council. Trustee Ludwig: Work with people to get Roscommon on the map. President Fishel: In 1990, planted flowers to welcome people to Roscommon. Trustee Roemer: Would like activities for older children. Trustee Miller: Economic growth, younger members of the community staying, more Little League fields, youth football fields. Trustee Deloge: Provide some jobs to encourage kids to come back. Trustee McKee: Placemaking. Blight.

President Fishel: Would like to have a blight committee with Marc McKee. The majority of the council has blight.

-Review of appointment process with respect to Treasurer's position

President Fishel contacted Hillman and Kingsley regarding making the position appointed and possibly combining positions.

-Village Attorney

Jerry Brabant will be semi-retiring this summer. Discussion regarding putting together an RFP.

-Review of Dangerous Buildings Ordinance

Manager Rosczyk reviewed the dangerous buildings ordinance once again.

-Public Comment

James Ward: Had questions regarding blight.

Doug Hodges: Sees blight differently. Economic development cannot be done without supporting the Sawmill and RRC program. Addressed housing. Encouraged council to compare apples to apples when comparing villages.

Jim Anderson: Economic development needs to be put up front. Sawmill and RRC funded by the DDA. Hillman and Kingsley are not good examples to follow.

Tom Barber: Commented on blight, economic development. Ask ourselves not what's holding us back but what's preventing us from going forward.

President Fishel closed the Work Session at 8:43 PM.


Daniel G. Fishel
Village President


Dawn M. Dodge
Village Clerk