

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

Minutes of the May 10, 2021

Regular Council Meeting

President Michael Miller called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Council present: Michael Miller, Dan Fishel, Tony Medina, Angela Cook, Jared Osmond, Heather Roemer and virtually Maureen Ruddy from the Village of Roscommon. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, and Clerk Frances Dawson, Lance Cherven, Tammy Menghini. Others present at the meeting were Sue Jock, Mike Allen, Debbie Emery, Jennie Stead, Mr. & Mrs Ballard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Fishel, with the addition of adding Temporary President Pro Tem Dan Fishel to the April 30, 2021 Special Council Meeting to approve the Consent Agenda with the bills to be paid in the amount of \$16,947.86 and Medina asking about the placement of Port-a-Pots in the Village by the DDA. Ayes: Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Roemer, Medina, Miller, Osmond. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Medina, seconded by Osmond, to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of all orders for the USDA Water/Sewer Project and MERS updates. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller, Osmond. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden gave updates on:

Otwells are moving into 801 Lake St – a bit more asbestos was removed and given the all clear – small gas leak was repaired – moving forward to open by June 1, 2021.

USDA Grant closed last week with work to begin by May 17, 2021.

No update on M-18 walkway. Plaque is still not done.

The Beautification (flower) Committee will be meeting on 5/13/21 – Thursday - @ 6:00 pm to finalize plans for getting flowers in by Memorial Weekend.

DDA is still moving forward with their business Open House planned for June 5, 2021 to showcase empty buildings.

Village Spring clean-up went really well. Had a lot of participation. The AuSable River Center is looking great thanks to Sue Jock and the RARA Committee and the Farmer's Market will be starting soon.

Angela Cook is moving towards getting the Marijuana Research Committee together to see how the community will want to handle stores in the Village and word the new ordinance. She will be having a meeting before the next Council Meeting and will give an update then. Ron Alden

went to Chesaning to get their ordinance and will get together with Committee to fill them in on what he learned.

Should have papers signed by the end of the month with 801 Lake St. and the DDA.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Cook to approve the USDA For RD 440-11, for the amount of \$991,490.68 for the estimated amount of funds needed for 30 day period payments. Ayes: Osmond, Fishel, Miller, roemer, Medina, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Osmond, seconded by Medina to approve the change order No. 1 for Peerless Midwest, Inc. for the amount of \$48,224.83. Ayes: Miller, Roemer, Medina. Ruddy, Fishel, Osmond, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Osmond to approve the change order No. 2 for Peerless Midwest, Inc., for the amount of \$80,724.83. Ayes: Ruddy, Cook, Fishel, Roemer, Osmond, Medina, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Miller to approve the change order No. 3 for Corby energy Services, Inc., for the amount of \$88,977.13. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Roemer, Medina, Osmond. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Cook, to approve the MERS Amended Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Osmond, Miller, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Jock introduced Ben Talarico as the new Director for the CRAF Center. She gave a short update on RARA business with regards to assets of the area and the grant work that is possible for the area and Ben's role with writing grants. Mr. Talarico gave a brief talk of what his plans and goals are for the community.

Motion for approval to amend ACH & Electronic Transactions Policy to include all Village Office Staff by Cook, seconded by Roemer. Ayes: Fishel, Ruddy, Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller, Osmond. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion for approval to amend the Village of Roscommon's Credit Card Policy to include all Village Office Staff by Osmond, seconded by Miller. Ayes: Osmond, Fishel,, Miller, Roemer, Medina, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lisa Ballard and her husband Matt are buying the boardwalk and open a restaurant serving breakfast and lunch and calling it the Beechwood Café. They would like to do some outdoor seating.

Motion to approve the request for a Tavern License for beer and wine with Sunday sales permit for 406 N. 5th Street by Roemer, seconded by Fishel. Ayes: Miller, Roemer, Medina, Ruddy, Fishel Osmond, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Miller thanked Lance Cherven for driving to Grand Rapids to deliver papers for the USDA closing.

COOR students will be helping us out again for the summer with a new supervisor.

Lance Cherven explained the process that USDA will start with.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mike Allen made a complaint about dumping the snow on Fourth St. by the creek. Lance Cherven explained that all melting snow goes into storm drains and creeks and rivers and it is ok'd by EGLE.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina said that Gypsy Moth spraying will be happening by the end of May.

Fishel thanked the office staff for the Village. Says it is much more pleasant around the office.

Roemer excited about all the new things happening in town.

Lance Cherven will be putting out a Newsletter soon about all of the stuff happening with USDA. He asks that everyone be patient because town will be a mess in one section or another for the summer. Water side should go well and fairly fast. The sewer side may take longer but most of the work is out at the plant.

Sewer lab testing is going well. Lab should pay for itself by July. They have a few accounts already such as Grayling and 4 sections of Houghton Lake. Looking into other accounts.

Cook commented that Spring Clean up went well, welcomed Ben Talarico and new business owners, the Ballards.

The Division St. project will get started after June 1, 2021.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Firearm Ordinance, dog park, marijuana ordinance, USDA updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk