

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the April 11, 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, Joanne Lederman, Heather Roemer, Maureen Ruddy and Angela Cook. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson, DPW Director Lance Cherven and Tammy Menghini. Public present at the meeting were Dan Scow, Sue Jock, Debbie Emery, Natalie Bohdan, Jennie Walker. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and an Invocation was given by Trustee Dan Fishel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Cook, to accept the Consent Agenda with bills to be paid in the amount of \$21,167.81. Ayes: Ruddy, Cook, Fishel, Roemer, Lederman, Medina, Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Roemer, seconded by Medina to approve the Regular Agenda with the postponement of the presentation of the RARA Master Plan and moving Village Manager Evaluation till later in the meeting. Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden gave updates on:

Great job on the new Visitors Book.

Mr. Cherven is getting the information and paperwork together to start the DWMA Grant, which is to replace galvanized and let pipe at no cost to the resident. EGLE also will survey all areas around the Village and do a cost analysis of our system with current rates. They will give suggestions on future of water lines and water tower.

Alden is meeting with Rep for the state on April 14, 2022 to see about future money we could get coming to the Village.

CDBG Block Grant applied for, for a couple of the businesses.

The DDA purchased 4 more benches for the Village. They are here and will be put out soon. Compost Site to open on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Interviews for a new employee will be on Wednesday.

Five Families meeting is set for April 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm here at Village Hall.

There will be a formal presentation for the RRC Certification at the River Center on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 10:30 am.

Recycle schedule has changed so Higgins Twp. put out new schedules.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Update-

Prices for a new plow truck have exploded so they will be getting the truck they have now refurbished.

The Let Run will go for about another week.

Well 4 will be ready to go back online later this week. Well 5 is ready also.

Getting spring and summer equipment ready.

USDA will be starting the new systems at the ponds in the next week. Sewer plant will be ready by the first of May. Samples will be starting up again from 4-5 sources.

Street and sidewalk sweeping will start next week.

Banners will be changed out as soon as they can get dried out.

Economic Update by Dan Scow –

Redevelopment properties are being sent out. Road signs on I-75 are in the works. Match on Main grant will be announced April 19, 2022.

Went thru progress on the Master Plan.

Iron Bell Trail has lost momentum, but is still trying to get established.

There may be rehab monies out there for historic buildings.

Mr. Scow is still working on new housing projects.

The Ordinance for the Recreational Marijuana is going to the Planning Commission next week and when they are finished it will be published in the paper, etc... and then will be back to Council.

Motion to appoint Edward Thoma to the Zoning Board until the term ends in December 2024 by Fishel, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Resolution of Assurance for Hiawatha CDBG Grant by Medina, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Lederman, Ruddy, Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller, Fishel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to fund Billboard for Village of Roscommon marketing for one year at \$550 per month by Lederman, seconded by Ruddy. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Lederman, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Alden asked opinions on how to approach the Blight problem. The Council is very concerned about it, but think that Mr. Alden is handling it as best as he can. The Council is going to try to come up with a better solution. There will be a letter sent that will list out the penalties and if they need to be assessed and put on the tax bills, they will be. The Police are willing to help out with enforcing the Ordinance.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Dixon commented on great discussions among the Council members.
Sue Jock gave an update on the Recreation Plan. Open forum planned in May for further questions and ideas for RARA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina reminding everyone about events coming up
Lederman thanks everyone for coming to meeting
Miller thanks everyone for being at the meeting.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Marijuana Ordinance
Blight issues
Open forum for RARA
Grant updates

Motion from Lederman to go to closed session for Manager evaluation, seconded by Ruddy at 8:43 pm. Ayes: All in favor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fishel, seconded by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk