

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON  
Minutes of the March 14, 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 Trent Mulder, Accountant. Public present at the meeting were Dan Scow, Sean Brabant, Jason & Jessie Sharpe, Mike Allen, Phillip Cole, Pastor Erikson Aldridge, Mike Freese, Richard Robar and 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 Ruddy, to accept the Consent Agenda with bills to be paid in the amount of \$22,887.39. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Lederman, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Medina, seconded by Roemer to approve the Regular Agenda with the postponement of the Village Manager Evaluation and Closed Session to April 2022 . Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden gave updates on:

They will be interviewing a couple of people for the one position on the ZBA Board this week. Nancy Forrester has purchased the old AuSable Bakery. Nancy owns the Bird and the Bear and will be opening a branch here in Roscommon. They hope to be open by summer.

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is the Five Families meeting. Public welcome please.

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> is the Village Clean Up. Meet at the AuSable River Center.

Friday, March 18, Alden will be meeting with Ken Borton, the new State Representative to discuss some projects that are going on in town and the grant monies available.

Five new businesses opened up in 2021 in the Village with a possible 7 for 2022.

Waiting for purchase agreements to be drawn up for the sale of property in the Industrial Park.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Comment on wanting a marijuana store here in the Village.

Comment against marijuana business in the Village.

Comment for a marijuana business in the Village.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trent Mulder gave the Audit Report. All the numbers look great for the Village – even with the USDA grant activities and monies coming in. All funds made money for the Village and depreciation is hard to tell with the upgrades from the USDA Grant.

Jason Sharpe and Sean Brabant gave a presentation about the workings of a marijuana store, the benefits to the community that they would like to see, a lot of the state laws and regulations and their goals of opening a marijuana store in the Village of Roscommon.

Motion by Medina, seconded by Fishel to approve an Opt IN for the sale of Recreational/Medical Marijuana in the Village of Roscommon with the attorney to draft the Ordinance, the planning commission and zoning board to give their recommendations. Ayes: Miller, Medina, Fishel Lederman, Cook. Nays: Roemer, Ruddy. Motion carried.

### DPW Update-

The Grant that we received will be starting in July of this year and it will be completed by October 1, 2022 for the contractor to determine and services with led pipes.  
USDA Water monies left so they will be doing water mains on Wyckoff Street.  
All lift stations are still being worked on and should be done by August.  
More equipment has been delivered for the snow plow such as a street sweeper.  
Cherven encourages you not to push for the gas tax to be lifted due to the monies that we get from the state with those profits.

Motion to approve DDA Bylaws by Fishel, seconded by Lederman. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Alden comments on the RRC Certification. Mark Wahling getting it started and a committee along with Dan Scow to finish. It has been in the works for the past 5 years and a lot of work has been done to earn it.

The DDA accepted applications for a \$25,000 grant for businesses that qualify as one of the benefits of RRC Certification. The two finalists are Gardiner's Jewelry and the new Bird in the Bear restaurant that will be opening.

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 14 Compost Site by Cook, seconded by Roemer. Ayes: Ruddy, Cook, Fishel, Roemer, Lederman, Medina, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Change Order #3 Wastewater RCL Construction (decrease) \$148,629.54 by Medina, seconded by Fishel. Ayes: Lederman, Ruddy, Roemer, Cook, Medina, Miller, Fishel. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Change Order #1 Water, Robert T. Cole Inc. in the amount of \$9,737.00 by Roemer, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Roemer, Lederman, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Chage Order No. 4 Elmer's Crane & Dozer \$35,000.65 by Lederman, Medina. Ayes: Roemer, Ruddy, Fishel, Cook, Medina, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment to Fleis & Vendenbrink Water USDA \$41,498.90 by Fishel, seconded by Miller. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook, Roemer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment to Fleis & Vandenbrink Wastewater USDA \$ 17,772.09 by Roemer, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Miller, Roemer, Medina, Ruddy, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase up to four (4) tablets, not to exceed \$1,000.00 for Council from Classic Computer by Medina, seconded by Cook. Ayes: Ruddy, Cook, Fishel, Lederman, Medina. Nays: Roemer, Miller. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Scow commented on starting RRC Certification about 5 years ago and is very happy that it is finished and we are one of the few in the state and we are the only one to finish the new updated version.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina – more activity on the Village Facebook page – train station had good plug for them.

Ruddy – Impressed with the Five Buds presentation.

Fishel – Impressed with the Five Buds presentation.

Roemer – none

Cook – Was sorry that some people left without listening to her explanation on what a tough decision she had about her yes vote on the marijuana issue.

Lederman – Agreed with Cook on a tough decision and was impressed with the presentation.

#### ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Tablets,

Shirts

Manager Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Michael Miller  
Village President

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Frances Dawson  
Village Clerk