

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Minutes of the January 9, 2023
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, Maureen Ruddy and Joanne Lederman, with Heather Roemer absent/excused. Others present - Manager Ron Alden, Clerk Frances Dawson. Public present at the meeting were Debbie Emery, Jim Perialas, Krista Tacey-Cater, Don Dixon, Jennie Walker, Sue Jock, and Rory Klumpp. 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 bills to be paid in the amount of \$30,003.80, and some adjustments that Fishel would like to see to the DDA minutes. Ayes: Miller, Fishel, Medina, Lederman, Ruddy, Cook. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Medina, seconded by Ruddy to approve the Regular Agenda with the removal of item 1.5 on the Agenda. Ayes: Cook, Miller, Ruddy, Fishel, Medina, Lederman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Alden thanked the CIV Committee and the individuals in the community that helped out with the Christmas in the Village celebration and the other decorations and events that happened over the Christmas season.

The week of January 23, 2023 will be the Village Audit.

Retail Recreational Marijuana apps are due by noon of January 20, 2023. We currently have one application on file.

The Sparks Grant application has been submitted and we should hear by the end of January on the status of the grant. We can reapply through the year for another opportunity.

Uncommonly Good is going to fix where they had the fire and hopefully be reopened by spring.

There is a company that is interested in the mixed-use property across from Lear to put in a Verizon tower with a thirty (30) year lease. We are still waiting on more information.

Starting January 19, 2023, Ron Alden will be having coffee with the residents at 9:00 am to answer any questions or concerns that anyone has. This will happen on the third Thursday of every month for 2023.

There are car chargers at the new Carnexa dealership in the Village for the any one use. These are short term charge stations.

Alden has had a couple meetings about the housing problem. It is still a very big concern for the Village and they are going to continue to look for solutions.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DPW Report – Debbie Emery

The DPW has been getting caught up on all of the projects for winter. After that big snow and the fire with so much extra work they are maintaining very well.

Jim Perialas gave a more detailed talk on the projects he has been working on with Scow and on his own.

Perialas introduced the new Mid Michigan Health Services Pharmacy that is open in the Village. It is open to the public.

The building next to the Butcher's Wife will be a northern Michigan candle shop that will be opening in the spring.

The economic development committee have built a newsletter, that they plan to do a couple of times a year, and will be working very diligently toward more social media exposure. They will really be promoting the Village walking maps on Facebook, Twitter, etc...

Thinking about paper placemats in restaurants or any other ideas to advertise and promote anything happening in the Village.

The old Impact Office building has been sold and is now being renovated to support offices or stores.

Motion to approve USDA F&V 440-11 WW for \$4,570.38 by Ruddy, seconded by Medina. Ayes: Ruddy, Medina, Fishel, Cook, Lederman, Miller. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Alden did a 2022/2023 budget review to clarify numbers for the Council

NEW BUSINESS

Water/Sewer rate increase for 2023 –

Motion by Medina, seconded by Cook to not increase the Water/Sewer Billing for 2023. Ayes: Medina. Nays: Fishel, Ruddy, Cook, Miller, Lederman. Motion did not pass.

Fishel stated that several years ago the Village Council were advised to take out a bond and a scale for the increases over the years to pay the bills of the Village and keep enough money in the accounts to pay the bills for the Village.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Lederman to approve the 3% increase in Water rates. Ayes: Ruddy, Miller, Fishel, Lederman, Cook. Nays: Medina. Motion passed.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Ruddy to approve the 1.75% increase in Sewer rates. Ayes: Cook, Fishel, Lederman, Ruddy, Miller. Nays: Medina. Motion passed.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Medina, to approve the application of a DWSRF Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant thru EGLE to replace all of the led and galvanized water pipe that was found in the Village with Flies & Vendenbrink to complete the grant work for \$13,000. Ayes: Medina, Fishel, Miller, Lederman, Cook, Ruddy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Alden reminded the Council that the Bylaws and Procedures will have to be reviewed and go over any changes next month.

Alden went over the Master Plan Timeline and would like the Council to review the Draft of a Mobile Food Vendor Permit and license that the Village could use to cover the increased number of food trucks that are popping up everywhere.

Jock gave a preliminary talk for the improvements that the RARA board is going to apply for grants for Metro Park. Including the Splash Pad and the Bump track.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medina- Promoting Gahaghn Nature Center and their 96 acres.

Ruddy – Excited about Metro Park

Cook – Also excited about Metro Park

Lederman – Inquired about parking behind Chase Bank – nothing new to report

Miller – Thank you DPW over major snow week. Thank Jock over great RARA plan.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Update on Marijuana application.

More input from Food Truck Vendor license.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cook, seconded by Medina to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. All in favor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Michael Miller
Village President

Frances Dawson
Village Clerk