

VILLAGE OF ROXANA  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 13, 2020

The Joint Committee meeting of the Roxana Village Council was called to order by Mayor Reynolds at 6:30 p.m. in the council room of the Roxana Village Hall, Roxana, IL. The following members were present: Mr. Groppe, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Smith and Mr. Raymond. Mr. White and Mr. LaTemp were absent.

**Mayor Reynolds:**

- Each member present was given a copy of the nuisance ordinance for review. He advised everyone to email a list of questions, comments or concerns as soon as possible to him so the ordinance can be passed. Several concerns and comments have been forwarded to the mayor regarding properties in town.

Attorney Lading has mentioned that these violations will not be a top priority in the court room, so the mayor suggests adding information to our newsletter and/or website to inform people of possible violations they may be unaware of, in hopes they can be corrected without legal action.

Mayor is willing to push back passing the ordinance to the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

- Information will be coming from the landfill regarding an upcoming methane gas project.
- Corp of Engineer's pump station is still in the works. Andy Curry has been handling most of the work for this on our behalf.
- The trailers located at 341 6<sup>th</sup> St have officially been purchased after closing last week. GreenTrac LLC is to meet with Mr. Groppe on 7/15/2020 in order to submit a bid for demolition.
- A list of garages and sheds to be demolished has been given out. A draft letter will be done for the Building and Zoning Administrator to review before being sent out. All properties have to have a building and safety violation combined to qualify for demolition.
- Calls from the Floyd family have been made about speeding vehicles coming West on Wagon Wheel Rd near the railroad tracks. There is a fear of accidents between the hill and the railroad tracks, as there is no visibility until you come to the top of the hill.
- The mayor would like to discuss putting something in place to be able to charge landlords for property clean up in between tenants. One option would be to remove one load of furniture/trash for free once a year, then charge a flat amount for any more after that.

- Mr. Gray has approached the mayor with a request for running electrical under the parking lot of the Nazarene Church for lighting purposes. The mayor thinks that if cost can be kept low, the village should take care of this for them for allowing the use of their parking lot during the new building construction.
- Attorney Lading will create an ordinance to make all assistant department head job descriptions compliant with Village policies.

**Department Heads:**

**Chief Cunningham:**

- Chief Cunningham was absent and Lieutenant Bazzell and Corporal Jensen were present.
- Lt. Bazzell stated the department has been actively watching for trucks speeding on Wagon Wheel Rd. He was unable to locate anyone speeding more than 10 miles over the limit. A warning was given to spread the word that the Police Department will be paying closer attention to this area for traffic.
- Lt. Bazzell has sent out more abatement notices to the property on East 7<sup>th</sup>. Copies were sent to the landlord and renters.

**Chief Trask:**

- Addressed concerns with line items on the appropriation for certain allowances and missing line item for Capital Equipment.
- Surplus ordinance was discussed for passing at the 7/20/2020 meeting. Most of the items on the list for surplus are unusable.
- Reminded the board members that the quote given from DataTronics is partially covered by the \$7,000 grant received by the department. \$2,134 would be the total paid from the Village on the quote.
- Chief Trask and Chief Cunningham received an email from Mr. Hasse at the refinery. He informed them that there will be 650 yards of concrete brought into the refinery on 7/15/2020 starting at 2:30 am until around 9:00 am. Approximately 70 loads of concrete carried by 15 trucks will cause heavy traffic near the refinery during that time.

**Hoxsey:**

- There is a major concern with the amount of furniture being taken out of the Village. Trash is consuming most of their time every day. Last week at least 6 truckloads of furniture were taken to the landfill.
- A seasonal employee will be used for mowing Village properties.
- Mosquitoes are still an issue but have gotten better in the past week.

**Sherer:** nothing to discuss

**Wilkey:**

- Mr. Wilkey is to compile a punch list before releasing the final payment to Haier for project completion.

**Board Members:**

**Groppel:**

- Mr. Groppel voiced concerns about too many specific violations in the nuisance ordinance. He is also concerned that nothing will be done at the court level with nuisance violations as there is little happening with the issues on Chaffer. Corporal Jensen stated that court cases have been on hold due to COVID and he is unaware what the process will be for these cases as things start to re-open.

**Smith:**

- Mr. Smith would like to push back the passing of the nuisance ordinance until an in-depth review can be done.
- Spectrum is to be present for the building meeting on 7/16/2020
- \$252,365.12 is left in contingency on the new Village Hall. There are still some concerns about the east parking lot to be addressed as well.
- Mr. Smith encouraged board members to attend building meetings and be actively involved in the progress.
- There are concerns with the process of the billing cycles. Currently the bills are approved based on the Bill List then reviewed and signed. Mr. Smith would like the vouchers to be signed and reviewed prior to processing them and getting them on the bill list. This would ensure that board members are aware of what each bill is before approving it at the meeting.
- The Chaffer property is not listed on list of garages to be condemned.
- Mr. Smith would like an ordinance to address derelict swimming pools that leaves no liability on the Village, as abandoned pools are a safety concern.

Kelly and Raymond had nothing to discuss.

Final comments were discussed regarding COVID exposure. It was noted that several Village employees with school aged children will have a higher risk of exposure once school resumes next month.

With no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by Groppel and seconded by Kelly to adjourn. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Sara Pruitt, Deputy Village Clerk