

VILLAGE OF ROXANA  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 13, 2021

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

**Mayor Protem LaTempt:**

- We have the permit applied for the extension of the sewer system for Zimmerman Trucking but there are elevation differences they will need to verify before we can dump into the gravity sewer.
- A quote from GRP Wegman was received to separate the power upstairs at the old building for \$11,950.00 so we can monitor it if we do lease the building out.
- Centennial meeting is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 p.m. for anyone to attend.
- Mayor Protem LaTempt opened the floor for discussion of the covid concerns and vaccinations; Brandon Lloyd stated he's concerned of testing twice a week; Mayor Protem LaTempt stated it doesn't say how often they will do testing. Trustee Smith asked if we are still on the same path of mandating vaccines or is that put on hold. Mayor Protem LaTempt stated Mayor Reynolds spoke to the Village Attorney who stated he does not recommend mandating vaccinations at this time. James Gutherie stated he has spoken to his Union Rep about the policy and was informed they aren't forcing to get the vaccine but forcing the testing. The Union reserves the right to bargain over the affects of the policy; the union has a problem if you have to get tested on your own time and your own dime. Chief Trask stated he hasn't seen the policy and its disheartening since it's been out there for over a week. Mayor Protem LaTempt asked what policy Chief Trask was talking about. Chief Trask asked wasn't there a policy written out last week. Mayor Protem LaTempt said we received an email from IML with sample Ordinances but that is something we would have to pass by the Board. Chief Trask stated I don't understand what we were planning on voting on last week. Street Superintendent Hoxsey stated Mayor Reynolds indicated to him and a few others that the Policy would go into effect that Tuesday after the meeting, so he believes that is what Chief Trask is talking about. Mayor Protem LaTempt said the email was from Brad Cole from IML with model Ordinances, but our Attorney would have to look at it before we proceed with anything. Chief Trask said Mayor Reynolds said we would have a policy change going into effect last Tuesday. Mayor Protem LaTempt said right now we are mandated by the executive order 2021-22 that says wear mask in municipal buildings. Chief Trask

stated the information we are getting is different and it depends on who you ask so that's the part that is troubling. Trustee White told Chief Trask if he would have been here then it wouldn't have been second hand. Chief Trask said it is what it is but we are getting told two different things. Mayor Protem LaTempt stated we are going by the executive order that is in place. Chief Cunningham asked if there is a direction we are going to go because it does put a burden on the department heads. Mayor Protem LaTempt asked each Trustee their thoughts; Trustee Kelly said his work is having all employees test once a week if they aren't vaccinated, Trustee Raymond said if we have employees tested we should pay for it, Trustee Smith stated he agrees with the legal counsel if he's against it there must be a reason and want to wait to hear from the Attorney before we pursue it, Trustee Groppe stated he feels they need to be vaccinated and Trustee White said he's not for it and doesn't feel we should tell people to get it. What if they get sick from taking the vaccine and then we are liable for it? Superintendent Hoxsey asked what tests will be acceptable and he feels the testing will be hard to come back especially if we do twice a week. Trustee Smith asked will they test you just because the employer is requesting it? Mayor Protem LaTempt said we will look into this further to try to get some answers.

## **Department Heads**

### **Chief Cunningham:**

- Shred It hasn't serviced us since July 7<sup>th</sup>. Chief Cunningham hasn't had good response from them until today. Chief Cunningham started looking at other shredding companies and found two today who provided us information up front. Shred it had a hard reset and lost a lot of their client information and said if we renewed with them, they would give us 14 percent off making it \$48.19 a month and this month would be free. Secure Document is \$50/month and will do the extra boxes if we have them. Marco is \$50/month, but each additional box is \$3.50. Do we give them the opportunity to make it right? Mayor Protem LaTempt stated he's good with giving them another opportunity.
- Chief Cunningham received a call from someone looking to buy property in Roxana but he has several large tortoises and wanted to know if we had an Ordinance against it. He keeps them in a cage outside in the summer months and inside in the winter months. Mayor Protem LaTempt stated we will look into this further.
- Chief Cunningham stated he went over with the Attorney to the house Jennings is complaining about and at the time there was no violation. Chief Cunningham has to go by our Ordinances. If anyone sees any violations, please let him know.

### **Chief Trask:**

- Rick Haase called him last week and it's our turn to return to Texas A&M for Corporate Fire School on October 3rd-8th and he wants to send Steve Kainz.

**Street Superintendent Hoxsey:**

- Large items are accumulating in the alleys. It may take a few weeks to get caught up.
- Trustee Smith asked about a brush location. Superintendent Hoxsey said right know everyone is piling it in their alley ways. Superintendent Hoxsey would like to get a big roll off dumpster brought in for the brush with controlled access.

**Water Superintendent Sherer:**

- Water flushing will be September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 p.m. each night.
- Superintendent Sherer said he had a situation today where an elderly lady had moved in and her meter is in the basement. The elderly lady can't go up and down her stairs and asked if someone could come read it. Superintendent Sherer went over there with a mask on and did read her meter. He feels it's not a good idea to go inside to read meters with COVID. Superintendent Sherer wants advice on how to proceed with this. Mayor Protem LaTempt stated let's see how other communities handle this situation and maybe moving all meters outside.

**Wastewater Superintendent Wilkey:**

- Nothing to Report.

**Board Members:****Trustee LaTempt:**

- Oil and Chipping is scheduled on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Trash will be Monday and Thursday that week.

**Trustee Kelly:**

- Asked Street Superintendent Hoxsey asked about our sprinkler system. Superintendent Hoxsey stated he has made several phone calls to ICS and is still waiting on a call back. The sprinkler system is not functional right now. He will send another email concerning this issue.

**Trustee Smith:**

- Trustee Smith asked about the sign up at the old Fire Department for a safe place where people can take babies if they want to turn the child over. Chief Trask stated it's a state law but the sign has not been hung up yet due to finding a good place for it.
- Thanked Chief Trask for putting the 911 on the marque.

**Guest:**

- Jason John asked about Moran Development and if the property would be residential. Trustee Smith said it would be residential, partially, but Edwardsville School District.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by LaTempt to adjourn to executive. The motion carried.

Regular session adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Executive Session was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

Returned to regular session at 8:08 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Kristi Carter, Village Clerk