

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROXANA VILLAGE BOARD

November 15, 2021

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order and asked the clerk to call roll. The following members were present: LaTempt, Groppe, Smith, Raymond, Kelly and White.

A motion was made by LaTempt and seconded by White to approve the Amended Executive session minutes of the Village Board meeting of 10/18/21. The vote was:

AYE: Groppe, Smith, LaTempt, Raymond, Kelly, White

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by LaTempt and seconded by Raymond to approve the minutes of the Village Board meeting of 11/01/21. The vote was:

AYE: Groppe, Smith, LaTempt, Raymond, Kelly, White

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kelly to approve the Executive Session minutes of the Village Board meeting on 11/01/21. The vote was:

AYE: Smith, Groppe, LaTempt, Raymond, Kelly, White

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raymond and seconded by Kelly to approve the Committee minutes of the Village Board meeting on 11/08/21. The vote was:

AYE: Smith, Groppe, LaTempt, Raymond, Kelly, White

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by LaTempt and seconded by Groppe to approve the current Treasure's report on 11/15/21.

AYE: Smith, Groppe, LaTempt, Raymond, Kelly, White

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Raymond to approve the current bill list and authorize payment.

AYE: Smith, Groppe, LaTempt, Raymond, Kelly, White

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Motion Carried.

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	99,749.33
RECEIPTS	24,896.12
EXPENDITURES	60,986.66
BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET 11/15/21	63,657.79

FIRE PROTECTION FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	258,965.58
RECEIPTS	3,940.57
TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REVENUE -	00.00
EXPENDITURES	12,275.61
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	250,630.54
BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET	250,630.54
Interest	00.00
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	250,630.54

RECREATION FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	90,147.66
RECEIPTS	2,013.70
EXPENDITURES	11,323.68
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	80,837.68

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	1,278,106.85
RECEIPTS	1,8108.36
EXPENDITURES	867.35
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	1,295,347.86
INVESTED FUNDS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	366,770.99
INTEREST	0.00
BALANCE IN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND 11/15/21	1,662,118.85

REFUSE FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	172,775.04
MISC	00.00
RECEIPTS	2,977.30
**TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REVENUES	00.00
EXPENDITURES	11,691.85
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	164,060.49

WATER O & M

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	518,153.79
RECEIPTS	9,929.93
INTEREST	0.00
EXPENDITURES	23,798.78
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	504,284.94
INVESTED FUNDS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	149,407.53
BALANCE IN WATER O & M 11/15/21	653,692.47

WATER PLANT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	151,026.68
INTEREST	18.00
RECEIPTS	00.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	151,044.68
EXPENDITURES	00.00
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	151,044.68

WATER METER DEPOSIT FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	57,670.96
INTEREST	00.00
RECEIPTS –	480.46
MISC	00.00
EXPENDITURES	350.00
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	57,801.42

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	105,004.27
INTEREST	13.53
PROPERTY TAX – SOCIAL SECURITY	1,890.16
MISCELLANEOUS	00.00
TRANSFER FROM PRIME FUND	00.00
EXPENDITURES	6,860.29
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	100,047.67

IMRF FUND

BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET 11/01/21	170,191.48
RECEIPT'S	3,023.87
INTEREST	0.00
EXPENDITURES	35,960.39
TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REVENUES-Operating expenses	0.00
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	137,254.96

SPECIAL REVENUES FUND

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	7,214,908.02
AWIN MANAGEMENT HOST FEES	00.00
AMEREN UTILITY TAX	00.00
RECEIPT'S	160.93
AMEREN FRANCHISE-Gas & Electric	00.00
MISC.	00.00
EXPENDITURES-	462,945.96
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	6,752,122.99
BALANCE IN PRIME FUND	00.00
INVESTED FUNDS-CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	2,594,861.55
Interest	00.00
BALANCE IN SPECIAL REVENUES FUND 11/15/21	9,346,984.54

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

BALANCE IN FUND 11/01/21	223,348.89
RECEIPTS	00.00
TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REVENUE-Operating Expense	00.00
EXPENDITURES	19,491.11
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	203,857.78

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

WORKER'S COMP & LIABILITY FUND 11/01/21	5,585.86
RECEIPTS	37.05
EXPENDITURES	152.24
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	5,470.67

WORKMAN'S COMP. FUND

BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET 11/01/21	115,448.88
RECEIPTS	51,418.05
EXPENDITURES – IML Insurance	165,770.08
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	1,096.85

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET 11/01/21	157,092.36
RECEIPT'S	21.30
MISC: Rebuild Illinois Fund Program	00.00
Motor fuel tax	00.00
EXPENDITURES	6,334.63
BALANCE IN FUND 11/15/21	150,779.03

TOTAL IN MOTOR FUEL FUND **150,779.03**

GUESTS:

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MAYOR COMMENTS:

- Mayor Reynolds stated utilities were damaged over on East Tydeman during the road resurfacing. The Village's Road right of way is being vacated to the school and the school district is asphaltting the road surface. A storm water manhole and air release valve vault were not marked and damaged. Byrne & Jones, the contractor working on the road said they would fix it for field time plus material

cost. I told them to go ahead and proceed. Trustee LaTempt asked what kind of money we are looking at for repair; Mayor Reynolds stated \$4 to \$6K.

- Mayor Reynolds received some information from the Roxana School Superintendent regarding the consortium issues with the tax matters and we will discuss in the executive session.
- Mayor Reynolds spoke with a resident after Officer Timmins procession. The resident wanted to get a road named in memory of Officer Timmins. I had a meeting with Senator Crowe and Pontoon Beach is working on that. I did send a text to the resident this morning with this information.
- Mayor Reynolds stated he had a resident with some Pin Oak tree problems dying. Resident from 303 N. Central stated he has 3 Pin Oak trees that are dying. Judy Loyd stated a lot of pin oak trees are dying in town. Jason John from the Roxana Park also said they had some in the park and was able to catch some early enough before they died. Jason John said they had to trim them back in order to save them.

Department Heads:

Chief Cunningham provided the following:

- Police Law Institute has agreed to most of Phil's revisions. We are satisfied with the agreement to move forward for approval.
- Sumner One has successfully decrypted the files from the two hard drives that were encrypted. They are scanned files. Sumner One can decrypt the case files on the NAS. Sumner One arrived on Thursday, November 11, 2021 and began copying the files from the NAS to another hard drive and then began to decrypt them. This process has taken long, but it is working. Sumner One had to create a separate network to do this project. Andrew, Utilitra Manager has been involved with this project.
- The advertisement for Roxana PD Lateral Police Officer position has been received by many from our department Facebook page, Central-Southern-Illinois Job Opportunities, Eastern Missouri Police Academy (they will send to past graduates beginning in 2011-2019). As of November 15, 2021, I have received (1) Lateral application.
- Sgt. Jensen has told me of his intention to seek a lateral police officer position with the Alton Police Department. I do not have an exact timetable for this process.
- Chief Cunningham respectfully asks the board for consideration of discussing the long-standing practice of "Residency" for Police Officers.
- Chief Cunningham provided a letter from Bob Turk, EAP Director. Trustee Smith stated the letter from Mr. Turk describes what the problem might be, but Trustee

Smith stated it needs to be seriously considered. Mayor Reynolds stated he knows this is a major issue and it opens the door for a global discussion. Mayor Reynolds said we don't have a time frame and we may lose two Officer's to another department. Trustee Smith said the contract is coming up and we need to discuss this soon before we get into a position where we can't function. Mayor Reynolds said if we can't function then we contract it out. Mayor Reynolds said there are options; you can combine with other departments; you can keep some of your department and contract some of it out. Mayor Reynolds says the best interest of this community in his opinion is to keep residency. Mayor Reynolds said if it's not good enough to live here then it's not good enough to work here and that's Mayor Reynolds opinion. Mayor Reynolds stated he may be wrong, but no employee ever fought residency harder than he did here as the Public Works Director, but Mayor Reynolds gave that up because he realized residency is good for the Village. If decisions made are not good for the Village, then they are not good for the employees. When we lose sight of what's best for the village and lose that approach to the management of Roxana, someone else can be up here as Mayor. Mayor Reynolds stated he is about this community and employees being stake holders in the community is an important part of what Roxana is all about. Chief Cunningham stated but contracting out the Officer's wouldn't be living here. Mayor Reynold's stated you keep a core group of Officer's. Mayor Reynolds said you must understand what we are going through right now with the Refinery. Phillips 66, filed a request with the Madison County Board of Review for a 49.6 percent reduction in their assessed property value. That's going to cost the Village \$700,000.00 if we can't prove the actual of the refinery of what it is assessed at. Mayor Reynolds stated he feels we will not be able to prevent some devaluation in the refinery property, and if the refinery is owed the reductions, then it should be so. Our corporate tax rate has never been lower, and this will take several years of future tax increases just to maintain the level of property tax income we have this year. Conversations with Phillips 66 leads me to believe they tried to handle this through questioning tax multiplier increased with Madison County. Mayor Reynolds understands Phillips 66 was advised by the County Administration to appeal the refinery property taxes through the normal tax appeal process. The legal system has not worked in our favor in the past, and Mayor Reynolds would not expect this process will be any different. We have effectively managed our finances to give all of taxpayers a break over the past several years and this tax appeal by the Phillips 66 Refinery will force the Village to adjust our tax rates to compensate for this level of potential income loss. Mayor Reynolds said we have done everything we can to take care of the refinery, and this is the thanks we get. I wish they would have approached the Village earlier in the process. Perhaps things might be different. The Village has no option but to pursue legal action and intervene in the Phillips 66 tax appeal request.

Mr. Wuest stated a lot of this is around residency. How much available of residency is in this town. Mayor Reynolds stated there isn't and that has been one of the short falls of the Village administration in the past 35 years, they have

never supported residential growth of development. Mayor Reynolds has worked on this for 30 years and failed. Mayor Reynolds stated we must support residential development. There is no better place to live than Roxana there is just no where to build. Trustee Smith stated today we are closer, and the possibilities are there. Chief Trask said but they are still out a year or more to build; Mayor Reynolds agreed. Chief Trask said lift residency. Mayor Reynolds stated he can't do it and can't support it because I'm here to support the community. Mayor Reynolds doesn't see how dropping residency takes care of this town and there are other options we can do. Chief Trask stated we are going to kill our officers because they are going to be so worn out. Mayor Reynolds said we have time to research it and resolve it and we will work through it.

Chief Trask providing the following:

- 2516 is having a problem with the starter. He had someone in to look at it but it's still not fixed.
- They are having issues with the Bay roof. He thinks it has leaked at some point. He went on the roof and can't see any standing water but thinks someone needs to look at it.

Superintendent Brian Sherer provided the following:

- Water services were installed at 4501 Wanda Road.
- Hydro-Kinetics attempted to install the new SCADA PLC on November 8th but had an issue with it not operating correctly. They were able to resolve the issue at their office and came back to install and test it on November 11th. The new SCADA PLC is installed and seems to be working correctly.

Superintendent Ken Hoxsey was absent but provided the following (Brandon Lloyd was here in his place to answer questions:

- Superintendent Ken Hoxsey fielded some questions about getting a hold of Michael Barker to work part time. Mr. Barker said he is happily employed full time and doesn't have any interest in returning. All the part timers that we used to use regularly now have careers of their own and would have no interest.
- The Street Department is currently down to 3 employees. We are struggling to keep regular household trash picked up. We ask for everyone's patience while we get through this time. A lot of our regular jobs will not be completed at this staffing level.
- On the week of November 22nd, we will only have the manpower to pick up trash once that week. We will be beginning town trash collection on Monday, completing it near the end of the day Tuesday. We will have to take Wednesday to plug in all the Christmas decorations and try to find time to squeeze in the dumpsters in the southern incorporated areas. We are off Thursday and Friday.

- Our leaf vac machine has been repaired. The street sweeper however, broke down Friday. I have put in calls to get it repaired that have not been answered yet.
- The new Christmas lights at the new village hall have been completed. I was asked to disable the exterior lights because they interfere with the new lights. I called Sax who did the lighting, they told me that they were on a separate circuit, and it could be turned off. When I asked which circuit, he quoted a bunch of specs to me and told me that we would have to get our normal electrical contactor to come and figure out which one.

Superintendent Mike Wilkey provided the following:

- At 4:39 PM on Tuesday, November 9th, the influent pump station reported a high-level alarm. On inspection, we found that the submerged pressure transducer responsible for observing the pump station level and controlling the pumps was entangled with debris. This caused the transducer to float on the surface and report an inaccurately low level. After cutting away the debris, the transducer reported a correct reading and the station proceeded to perform normally.
- We have scheduled for Ace Pipe (Formerly ODESCO) to come out the week of November 22nd to clean out all pump stations to reduce the accumulated debris.
- I talked to Waste Hauler from Jerseyville and there was a problem with the manifest and they have to get it changed. They had 6,000 gallons on the tanker to bring it to us but the manifest wasn't right.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Kelly and second by White to approve cost for window covers at Village Hall. Cost to furnish and install blinds on windows, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

AYE: Groppe, LaTempt, Smith, Raymond, White, Kelly

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

A motion was made by Kelly and second by Raymond to approve the Christmas bonus for all Village employees, retirees and paid on call for \$150.00 (excluding from the motion anyone on the Village Board).

AYE: Groppe, Smith, Raymond, White, Kelly

ABSENT: None

NAY: LaTempt

A motion was made by Kelly and second by White to approve the Covid bonus for all Village current employees to include paid on call who are vaccinated by November 15, 2021 for \$100.00 (excluding from the motion anyone on the Village Board).

AYE: LaTempt, Smith, Raymond, White, Kelly
ABSENT: None
NAY: Groppe

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Smith and second by Raymond to approve Resolution #21-16 Agreement with Police Law Institute, Inc. related to the Provision of Certain Ongoing Training Services to the Village of Roxana.

AYE: Groppe, LaTempt, Smith, Raymond, White, Kelly
ABSENT: None
NAY: None

PUBLIC WORKS:

A motion was made by LaTempt and second by Groppe to approve Lease Mower Purchase from MTI Distributing; not to exceed \$15,000.00.

AYE: Groppe, LaTempt, Smith, Raymond, White, Kelly
ABSENT: None
NAY: None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Trustee Smith stated he had a good meeting this morning with some property owners. They discussed more property they owned and will include in the enterprise zone. It's located north of the railroad tracks on Wanda Road, it's in the Bertle's land development company. We met with Keith Moran today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Reynolds stated we need to prepare an agreement with the school district for the transfer of Tydeman Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Mayor Reynolds stated we will discuss the tax litigation in the executive session and Mike Toolen is welcome to stay.

With no additional business to be discussed, a motion was made by Raymond and seconded by Kelly to adjourn regular session and move to executive session with no action to follow.

AYE: Groppe, LaTempt, Smith, Raymond, Kelly, White
ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Time: 7:28 p.m.

Returned to regular session with no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by White and seconded by Kelly to adjourn.

Time: 8:42 p.m.

Kristi Carter, Village Clerk