

VILLAGE OF ROXANA  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 8, 2023

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. Kelly, Mr. Smith, Mr. Newberry, Mr. Groppe, and Mr. John. Mr. LaTemp and Attorney Lading were absent.

**Mayor Reynolds:**

- Mayor Reynolds stated we are here to discuss our Health Insurance. Our Insurance Rep Jeff Taylor is here to address concerns and questions.

**Department Heads**

**Chief Cunningham:**

- Nothing to Report.

**Chief Newberry:**

- Nothing to Report.

**Street Superintendent Hoxsey:**

- Street repair was completed today and street sweeping operations have resumed.
- Still waiting for the John Deer Tractor Repair.
- Thanks to Mr. Newberry for donating some time to make a repair to our trash truck on Friday.
- The holes that the utility company drilled on Tydeman Street continue to cavitate and there are now deep holes reappearing in the street. You can see a sizable cavity under the road, and it has begun to sink around them.

**Water Superintendent McCann:**

- Nothing to Report.

**Wastewater Superintendent Schmidt:**

- Nothing to Report.

**Guest:**

- Jeff Taylor stated the plan we have right now started in 2000 or so with \$100 Deductible, 100 percent covered with medical surgeries, hospital charges, physician charges. There are a series of co-pays with doctors and prescriptions etc. It's a low out of pocket cost. The new plan we are discussing is a \$1500 maximum out of pocket cost, 3 times for family so max \$4500.00. Jeff Taylor understands the Village will be researching ways to offset some of the costs for the employees on this new plan. Jeff is working with BC/BS to re-rate total lives insured, and this will involve working with the Park District as they have their own FEIN number. We will send everything into BC/BS to see what BC/BS says about separating the Village and Park into individual groups. This would add a small increase to the Village's existing monthly insurance costs.
- Employees asked several questions to Jeff Taylor which were all answered.
- Ralph Wideman, a resident of Roxana, is concerned about changing our health insurance for the employees. Ralph stated if he's correct the Village has over \$17 ½ million in the account the Village should be able to provide the Health Care Coverage. Mayor Reynolds stated are you saying all this money should be marked for employees? Ralph Wideman stated the health insurance should be 100% covered. Ralph Wideman stated we have good Street Department employees, good Police Officers, and good Fireman and if we don't provide them good insurance what will keep our good employees here? Mayor Reynolds stated this plan we are looking at is the best plan BCBS is offering. Ralph Wideman stated as a taxpayer he feels the Village needs to pay for the increased insurance for the employees.
- James Guthrie asked for a copy of the new benefits which Jeff Taylor can provide.

**Unfinished business:**

- DARE Graduation is Friday, let Chief Cunningham know if you will attend.

With no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by Groppe and seconded by Kelly to adjourn the regular session.

AYE: Groppe, Smith, Kelly, John, Newberry

ABSENT: LaTemp

NAY: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

---

Kristi Carter, Village Clerk