

VILLAGE OF ROXANA  
JOINT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

November 13, 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. Newberry, Mr. Groppel, and Mr. John. Mr. Smith, Mr. White, and Attorney Lading was absent.

**Mayor Reynolds:**

- A trucking firm has engaged in purchasing property owned by the Losch family.
- Spoke to the gentleman who bought the Bertles property, and they want to subdivide the property for internal reasons. They are having subdivision plat prepared for the village to review.
- The Village is feeding the Roxana Football Team Friday night in support of an outstanding year, and all employees are welcome to help serve the boys. Mayor Reynolds appreciates what the Fire Department and Police Department have already done for the football team.

**Department Heads**

**Chief Cunningham:**

- Passed out a quote from Barcom Security concerning the entry doors. Chief Cunningham stated he needs the door vendor contact to proceed. Several companies were mentioned, and this will be looked into further.
- Police and Fire did the escort for the Roxana Football team on the way to the game and on the way home from the game. The game for Saturday the Roxana School will provide shuttle service for parking at the Nazarene Church and the Village lot. Several area Police Department will be helping at the football game.
- The court date for the Chaffer property is scheduled for tomorrow.

**Chief Newberry:**

- Visit from Datatronics last week and they are switching to digital maybe as early as 2 weeks. The truck radios aren't digitally compatible and will use handheld radios until they come in.
- We still need an agreement on the Wood River Gas Station and what will happen out there. Mayor Reynolds had a meeting with Wood River City Manager, and he said they would be happy to consider de-annexing the property and making utility services available out on 143 and Moreland Road. Attorney Lading has talked to Wood River's Attorney, and they are trying to work things out. Trustee Newberry still wants something in writing.

**Street Superintendent Hoxsey:**

- Due to Thanksgiving trash pick-up will only be on Tuesday that week.
- Ken Hoxsey reached out to Kane again with no response concerning the AC at the old Village Hall.
- Would like to get the large item pick-up back on the radar due to them being slammed with the large items. It continues to get worse. Trustee Newberry stated we need to look at 2 times a year for large item pick-ups and Landlords would have to provide their own dumpsters. Mayor Reynolds wants to start charging for a rental license. Ken Hoxsey stated January 1<sup>st</sup> we are supposed to change the school's pickup and wanted to see if anyone has contacted the school. Mayor Reynolds stated he will meet with the school in December.
- Still working on hanging up all the Christmas lights. Mayor Reynolds would like the Christmas lights to be on Saturday night if the Football team wins.
- Trustee Smith stated 7<sup>th</sup> Street is very dark and feels it needs a streetlight. After a discussion it was determined we will try 2 solar lights to see how they work. Trustee Newberry feels we need to revisit this when we start replacing the water lines.

**Water Superintendent McCann:**

- Would like to discuss a water tower or water rates due to the project going forward. Mayor Reynolds did speak to Hartford about the water tower.
- Waiting for Wood River Printing on the access agreements.
- Mayor Reynolds stated water rates will double, we haven't raised them in 17 years. Trustee Kelly stated it still will be cheaper than most towns around.
- Dustin is looking into new billing software.
- Canal Road project Road is coming up and we will have to reroute some customers. The Corp of Engineers have decided to build 4 pump stations along Canal Road, and we moved the force main last March. We will move the Canal Road water main North of Rt. 111, turn it west and turn it back south, then we will be free and clear.
- Water leak on East First Street that they fixed.
- Alex Best did receive his CDL permit.
- Trustee Newberry asked if water meters were ordered; Dustin stated yes.

**Wastewater Superintendent Schmidt was absent:**

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**Trustee Kelly:**

- A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Smith to approve Ordinance #1109 Authorizing the Execution of RMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.  
AYE: Groppe, Kelly, Smith, John, White  
ABSTAINED: Newberry  
ABSENT: None  
NAY: None
- Discuss raising Christmas bonuses for the employees. Trustee John asked when the last time was it was raised. Trustee Kelly stated 2 or 3 years ago.

Trustee John stated he would like to see it go to \$200.00. Mayor Reynold's stated we should double it and go to \$300.00. Trustee John said give everyone the same amount; retirees, paid on call, and employees. The board agreed at \$200.00, and Treasure Thien will research what we did last year.

**Trustee Smith:**

- Police Chief Cunningham is still working on the Speed limit signs.
- CPR supplies will be ordered for the Training.
- All surveys have been turned in for the Comprehensive plan. Moran will work on advertising our Village.

**Unfinished business:**

- Mayor Reynolds attended the Park Board meeting last week. We keep their tax rate the same and sign a long-term agreement.

**New Business:**

- Trustee Smith stated when this new building was being built the park gave us some of the property for this building with no compensation. The project the park is working on next year Trustee Smith said he would like to assist with a donation to the park for being a good neighbor.

**Guest:**

- Mike Wever stated he finds it interesting that the city is the hosting community for the landfill in the State of Illinois but is struggling with the large item pick up and trash at the school. The landfill is supposed to have a staging area where the Roxana property owners can take their trash to the landfill. Mike Wever asked if the speed limit signs collect data. Mike Wever would like one in his yard due to the trucks speeding. Mike Wever stated we need to put a small tax on energy.

With no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by White to adjourn the regular session and move to executive session with no action to follow.

AYE: Groppe, Kelly, John, Newberry, White, Smith

ABSENT: None

NAY: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by John to adjourn the executive session and move to regular session.

AYE: Groppe, Smith, White, John, Newberry

ABSENT: Kelly

NAY: None

Time: 9:38 p.m.

With no additional business to be discussed, a motion was made by Groppel and seconded by White to adjourn the regular session.

AYE: Groppel, Newberry, Smith, John, White

ABSENT: Kelly

NAY: None

Time: 9:39 p.m.

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Kristi Carter, Village Clerk