

**February 8, 2011**

Village of Rapids City

Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President ProTem Hemm at 7:07 p.m.

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Corson, Eggers, Hemm, Bird, and Dopler.

Absent – Schneider, Rankin.

Also Present - Clerk Price, Chief Fuller, Attorney Fuller, Harold French, and Sarah Ford, Jim Miller, Phil Stuepfert(Howard Greene), Paul Loete(MSA), Paul Schmitz, Leonard Bernhardt.

A quorum was established.

**PRESIDENT RANKIN:** Hemm reported the village received thank you notes from Riverdale Education Foundation, Ann's Helping Hand, and residents pleased with the free garbage for the month of December. We received from the IL Dept. of Public Health, Honorable Mention for maintaining fluoridation compliance for 11 months in 2010. If anyone is interested in attending CLA Leadership Workshops we have the information. The village received a letter from the EPA that an evaluation is complete and Rapids City met water standards. Hemm stated that Rapids City's water is wholesome and delicious. A request from the Q.C. Visitors Bureau was tabled.

**CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda:** Dopler motioned/Eggers seconded to approve the 1/11 Regular Minutes, 2/11 Monthly Bills, 1/11 Treasurers Report. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

**POLICE REPORT - Chief Fuller:** Report as presented.

**ATTORNEY - Fuller:** Fuller has research handicap parking and will talk with Ryan concerning it.

**BUILDING & ZONING – Hemm:** Three permits in January. Jim Miller requested the village vacate a light pole by his property. The village agrees to vacate it if: His

neighbors affected sign a petition that they don't care if the light is vacated and Hemm will go with Miller and talk to the neighbors about this. Price will draft a petition. Plus, there is no cost to village from MidAmerican to vacate it. The board wants an assurance that MidAmerican will not charge the city.

**CEMETERY – Eggers:** No report.

**ELECTIONS – Rankin:** No report.

**FINANCE - Corson:** The board concurred to give \$100 to Riverdale After Prom.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Eggers:** No report.

**PARKS & RECREATION – Dopler:** No report.

**PERSONNEL – Corson:** No report.

**PLANNING – Bird:** A planning meeting was held before this regular meeting and went very well. They discussed revitalization for Rapids City and future development. The board is going to create a steering committee with the village to get feedback from citizens. The board has decided to have a planning meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7p.m. to discuss development ideas. The next meeting is March 17.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Bird:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Hemm:** Paul Loete was here to discuss the agreement with MSA concerning the 15<sup>th</sup> Street drainage in the amount of \$1800.00. The board decided to table this. Attorney Fuller will find out the actual size of the drainage easement. MSA will do a cost adjustment on running the drainage down the street instead of the ditch.

**SEWER – Schneider:** No report.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT – Dopler:** No report.

**WATER – Schneider:** No report.

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**ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES BY THE TRUSTEES:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Neighbors, Schmitz and Bernhardt of Mr. Snodgrass were in attendance and wanted an update on what is going on with him cleaning up his property. Fuller reported he has until approximately March 14<sup>th</sup> to clean up his property.

If he doesn't comply, we will follow village ordinance and he will be fined. Schmitz is concerned because he is going to have a hard time selling or renting his property, which shares a driveway with Mr. Snodgrass. He reported that his neighbor across the street had a realtor appraise his property and it declines their property 25%. The realtor said this is a problem.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Eggers would like to get an email list from village residents to be able to correspond with them in case of emergencies. Bird would like to see some type of signage to let citizens know what is going on in the city.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

With nothing further to be discussed Bird motioned to adjourn/Eggers seconded. All concurred. President ProTem Hemm adjourned this February 8, 2011-regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK