

Village of Rossville
Police, Health & Safety Committee Meeting
October 10, 2024
5:00 p.m.

A quorum was established as Chairman Black and Trustees Gammon, Richison and Cornell were physically present at the committee meeting held at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois. The guests present were Mayor Queen, Clerk White, and Chief Greene.

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review/approve past minutes, review outstanding ordinance violations, prior month police actions, monthly ordinance spreadsheet, review maintenance log sheets on police vehicles, Attica/Chicago St. Crosswalk & Street Arrows, Jake Brake signs, proposed solar farm, updated schedule, New Illinois Statute: Low Speed Electric Scooters, 506 E. Attica home with expired license plates, police schedule into Google, Illinois program on going after tax refunds for debt collection and Open Topics.

Minutes of the September 11, 2024 committee meeting – Minutes of the meeting held on September 11, 2024 were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Richison to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting as presented. Vote: Richison, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes; Gammon, yes.

Ordinance violations and prior month police actions were reviewed. Chief Greene reported she is waiting for a status hearing on some of the extended tickets. Chief Greene reported she cannot recite the residents until after they have had their status hearing on the ordinance violation. One of the residents at 506 E. Attica had a new sticker for one vehicle but just hadn't put it on the vehicle. Chief Greene said there is another vehicle in the driveway that needs to be compliant with ordinances as well. Chief Greene will issue a written notice of the ordinance violation. The property still has some ordinance violations because of exterior issues.

The monthly Ordinance Log was reviewed along with a list of open cases from the Village of Tilton.

Maintenance Logs were reviewed. Chief Greene reported the Durango was returned with the gas smell remaining in the cabin. The Durango has 3 major items to be fixed such as the vacuum system, etc. When it gets back from Dodge, Smitty's needs it back so calipers can be put on the vehicle.

Chief Greene also reported the Explorer is having issues with an O2 sensor, steering gear and brakes, which will be done at Smitty's. The Explorer is good enough to drive to the school but not much farther. Trustee Black suggested replacing the Explorer next year. Trustee Black noticed Chevy has an EV for a police vehicle and asked opinions on EV. Trustee Gammon stated Hoopston has an EV school bus and it doesn't hold enough charge to complete a whole route.

Attica/Chicago Street Crosswalk and street arrows – Trustee Black will call the company to reschedule an appointment to come out to look at the crosswalks and where the street signs are to be placed. Trustee Black will request an estimate for crosswalks on Chicago Street and request an estimate for crosswalks and street directional arrows for Attica Street. According to Trustee Richison, the Chicago Street crosswalk expense would be 100% reimbursable from the State. Trustee Black emailed Superintendent Lusk requesting him to order the "Jake Brake" signs for East/West Attica Street. The County will install the signs.

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New Illinois Statue: Low Speed Electric Scooters- Trustee Black stated he hasn't received a copy of the Low Speed Electric Scooters that was requested to be prepared by Village Attorney Andy Mudd.

Proposed Solar Farm – A couple of people have requested information regarding installing commercial solar farms. Trustee Black stated the proposed solar projects are in the 1.5 mile Rossville Zoning District and are not allowed. Trustee Gammon suggested implementing a fee such as \$100 per panel if the Village negotiates to allow the commercial solar farms in the mile and ½ zoning district. Trustee Gammon stated Rick Kentner, from Bismarck, requested a copy of the Village ordinance regarding commercial solar farms. Clerk White will forward a copy of the ordinance to Trustee Black, who will forward the ordinance to Mr. Kentner. Trustee Black will forward the ordinance to Andy Mudd to make sure it is in compliance with the new law. Trustee Black asked Mayor Queen if he would be opposed to talking to an attorney firm from Champaign that has multiple attorneys with various specialties, including an attorney that is familiar with TIF laws. The City of Paxton uses them. Mayor Queen was not opposed to talking to the firm and will get the contact information from Trustee Black.

Trustee Gammon stated we haven't received our TIF reports yet. Clerk White stated the auditors are still waiting on some information to complete the reports.

Updated Schedule was left on the agenda from last month, which has already been completed. The committee has already discussed 506 E. Attica. The topics can be removed from the agenda for next month's meeting.

Did the police schedule get put into Google - Chief Greene and Deputy Clerk Kathy Rife both attempted to put the schedule into Google. Chief Greene stated the schedules did not align correctly. Trustee Black will assist Chief Greene with uploading the schedule.

Illinois Program for Debt Collection – Trustee Black asked about the State program to help collect outstanding utility bills and fines due to the Village. Clerk White stated a webinar is scheduled for next Thursday, Oct. 17th at 9 a.m. with the Local Debt Recovery Program representative. Trustee Black requested an invite to attend. Clerk White will send an invite to Trustee Black for the webinar.

Open Topics – Chief Greene has been approved for the “Less than Lethal Grant”. The State is going to give the Village 4 free taser 10s. The Village would need to pay a portion of approximately \$7,340 over 4 years. Practice cartridges and cartridges used on duty will be replaced by the company. It comes with all licensing and docking stations. Chief Greene is a taser instructor up to 7s. Chief Greene will have to upgrade her instructor qualifications to instruct officers on the Taser 10s. The total cost of the tasers is \$19,897.40. The State will pay \$12,548 by December 2024. The Village will pay \$7,340 over the next 4 years in payments of \$1,837.40 per year beginning in December 2025. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Richison to recommend to the Board for approval of the Axon Taser quote to pay \$1,837.40 annually beginning prior to December 2025 for 4 taser 10s. Vote: Cornell, yes; Richison, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes.

Trustee Gammon is waiting for the grants to open up so we can reapply for the cameras for the police department. The grants should open up in the fall.

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Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Richison to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes; Cornell, yes; Richison, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Village Clerk

Committee approved 11-18-24