

Village of Rossville
Police, Health & Safety Committee Meeting
December 11, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 5:45 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 in Shared Drive, and Open Topics.

Minutes of the November 18, 2024 committee meeting – Minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2024 were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Black to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Black, yes; Gammon, yes.

Police Activities, the Ordinance spreadsheet and vehicle maintenance logs were reviewed. Trustee Gammon is working on the camera grant.

Attica/Chicago Street Crosswalk and street arrows – There was no discussion on this topic.

Jake Brakes – Trustee Black needs to talk to Superintendent Lusk about ordering the signs for East/West Attica Streets.

Proposed Solar Farm – Trustee Black presented 2 different amendments to the solar ordinance.

- 1) Would change community garden energy systems from no more than 15 acres to no more than half an acre in size.
- 2) The larger solar farms would require a supplemental use permit if the Village chooses to issue one.

Clerk White stated the Summit Ridge solar project representative called and wanted to be added to the December agenda to discuss their proposed solar project. Trustee Black spoke with them and stated the project has been pushed back away from Route 1 to about ¼ mile from Route 1. Trustee Black answered yes, Summit Ridge is to be added to the December regular board meeting agenda. Trustee Black stated the company needed to look into positive incentives for residents of Rossville to consider prior to the Village Board potentially allowing the solar project. Trustee Black will not support a proposal that does not have a positive impact on the residents of the Village or the Village in its entirety. Trustee Black stated an incentive of potentially reducing residents' power bill 15% may be considered. Trustee Black stated the ordinance provides that the Village can request a decommission plan in case the companies are no longer in business or go bankrupt. The decommission plan may require companies to provide a sinking fund for clean up if the companies are no longer operational. The matter will be discussed next month.

New Business – The police schedule is on the “Shared Drive”.

Winter kits for squad cars – Chief Greene needs supplies to restock the EMT bags in squad cars. Trustee Gammon suggested looking on Amazon for EMT bags for the squads. The price is approximately \$130 per bag. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to authorize

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Chief Greene to purchase supplies for 2 EMT bags not to exceed \$500. Vote: Black, yes; Gammon, yes.

Officer Finley stated since some kids were reported to be walking on the pond, Officer Finley asked if some ropes may be installed on poles at the pond in case ice breaks and someone goes into the pond, the ropes could be used to help put them out of the pond from under ice. Alternate saving solutions may be discussed.

Open Topics – Trustee Greene “shined the light” on Officer McMilleon who assisted in the arrest of a double homicide suspect. Trustee Black wanted to “shine the light” on the entire Rossville Police Department for getting the grant for the toys and distributing them to the kids at the carnival. Chief Greene and Officer Finley took some remaining toys to the Women’s Shelter in Danville. Toys will be taken to kids at Circle Academy tomorrow.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Gammon to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Gammon, yes; Black, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Village Clerk

Committee approved 1-9-25