

Village of Roaming Shores Council Meeting
July 2, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennie D'Amicone. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Bob Cook, Sally Fell, Steven Kaufman, Ed Koziol, Holly Mayernick, and Gary Meighen. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Kerri Philips and Administrator Lukas Darling,

VISITOR COMMENTS: Laurie Schulze (22) discussed a water bill issue. Bill and Robin Kitson (1826) discussed a water bill issue and zoning concerns.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report was provided.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Darling stated that he is currently closing items out in his role. He met with the mayor to discuss the current projects.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report was provided.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee is scheduling a meeting for late July.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: No report was provided.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Minutes were provided to the council and the public. CT Consultants is holding a stakeholder meeting on July 3 at 11 am at the Association Building in the conference room.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT: Minutes were provided to the council and the public. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 9th at 11 am.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT: There is now a TV in the conference room.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Minutes were provided to the council and the public. The next meeting is July 10th at 7 pm.

RECORDS COMMISSION REPORT: No report was provided.

SCAD: They will meet the week of July 8th.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EFFECTIVE SELF-GOVERNMENT: No report was provided.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON STREETS: Minutes were provided to the council and the public.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UTILITY BILLING LATE FEES: Minutes were provided to the council and the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Status Update for Water/Sewer Infrastructure Projects – Councilperson Kaufman stated that the next topic ties in with this one. He provided the council with a document summarizing the need for infrastructure funds. Councilperson Kaufman summarized the needs and priorities. He discussed the costs of lift stations, generators, and sewer piping. Councilperson Kaufman is asking the council to address the issue of lift stations and generators first. He is requesting of the council to ask for and pass an ordinance to start collecting a sewer infrastructure fee with the option of discussing a levy. Councilperson Fell thanked Councilperson Kaufman for the data and looking into the future of the community. She asked if this infrastructure fee is implemented, and a levy does pass, how long will the infrastructure fee continue.

A motion was made to have Solicitor Newcomb prepare an ordinance to set up a Sewer Infrastructure Fund by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Councilperson Mayernick asked if anyone has spoken with CT Consultants regarding levies or obtaining grants. Mayor D'Amicone stated that CT has staff looking for grants all the time. Roll Call – Cook – yes, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – no, Mayernick – no, Meighen – yes. Motion PASSED

A motion was made to have Solicitor Newcomb prepare an ordinance to fund the Sewer Infrastructure Fund with a \$9 Sewer Infrastructure Fee per lot per the recommendation of the Public Works Committee by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Councilperson Kaufman stated that he has the same concerns that Councilperson Koziol stated earlier regarding a levy. The recommendation from the Public Works Committee is to collect funds now because levy funds would not come in until 18 months after a levy passes, if it passes. Councilpersons Koziol and Mayernick have concerns that if a \$9 fee is on paper (in a pending ordinance), the community will think this is a done deal. A public hearing should be held before an ordinance is drafted. Roll Call: Cook – no, Fell – absent, Kaufman – Abstain, Koziol – no, Mayernick – no, Meighen – yes. Motion FAILED.

- Funding Sewer Infrastructure – discussed with last topic.
- Salary – Elected Officials – no update
- Codification – Administrator Darling is still waiting for a quote from Civic Plus.
- Purchase Expense Authorization – there is no recommendation at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sewer Infrastructure Levy (Recommended by a Resident) – Leeann Moses requested the possibility of a levy. The county can provide information – dollar amount, due dates, etc.

ORDINANCE 926-05-2024: AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (TABLED) – Requested by Human Resources Committee. A motion was made to untable the ordinance by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Koziol. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent,

Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion was made to accept the amended ordinance by Councilperson Meighen and was seconded by Councilperson Koziol. Councilperson Kaufman stated that Solicitor Newcomb recommended voting down the ordinance and resubmitting a new ordinance. The ordinance that was provided is not redlined, and therefore it does not show what was amended. The solicitor stated that once it was amended, it should receive a new number and go back to the 1st reading. Mayor D’Amicone suggested retabling the ordinance. The motion on the floor was removed. A motion to table Ordinance 926-05-2024 was made by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Kaufman. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes.

ORDINANCE 929-06-2024: AN AMENDED ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING VILLAGE CODE §125.03 REGARDING THE CREDIT CARD POLICY AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2nd) – Requested by Mayor D’Amicone. No discussion.

ORDINANCE 932-06-2024: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HIRING BONUS PROGRAM FOR THE ROAMING SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st) – Requested by Chief Roskos. A motion was made to waive the three-reading rule by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Mayernick. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman - yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to declare the ordinance an emergency was made by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Roll Call – Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the correct number of 932-07-2024 was made by Councilperson Kaufman and seconded by Councilperson Mayernick. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Mayernick. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman - yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to declare Ordinance 932-07-2024 an emergency was made by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman - yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to PASS Ordinance 932-07-2024 was made by Councilperson Meighen and was seconded by Councilperson Kaufman. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman - yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. ORDINANCE 932-07-2024 PASSED.

ORDINANCE 933-06-2024: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR MAYOR TO AWARD THE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH S.E.T., INC FOR THE ROAMING SHORES WWTP HEADWORKS DESIGN AT A BID PRICE OF \$232,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st) – Requested by Administrator Darling. A motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the correct number of 933-07-2024 was made by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Kaufman. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman - yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman - yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to declare the ordinance an emergency was made by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by

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BILLS FOR REVIEW OF PAYMENT: No discussion

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Mayor D’Amicone stated that this is Administrator Darling’s last week and there will be cake after the meeting.
- Councilperson Cook stated that lot 187 has a camper parked on it. The lot is vacant, but has a dump trailer, wood, and a gravel driveway. Mayor D’Amicone will give the information to the Zoning Inspector.

VISITOR COMMENTS: No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Meighen and was seconded by Councilperson Mayernick. Roll Call: Cook – yes, Fell – absent, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER