

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held January 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William Verbosky Jr. and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, and Hermes all present. Mayor Verbosky suggested Mr. Michaels and Kovach would be arriving shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of December 22, 2008. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of January 12, 2009 was presented to council. Reports from the Public Works and Recreation committees and Resolution #2009-04 were added to the agenda. **Mr. Kovach is now present.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee minutes of December 22, 2008 (see attached minutes).

**Mr. Michaels is now present.

Mayor Verbosky said he, Mr. Ciecka, and Mr. Heban had met last week with Toledo mayor Finkbeiner and members of his staff to discuss the water contract. They reviewed past history, other municipal contracts, what the City of Rossford was looking for, provided them with information and are now waiting for Toledo to get back with us.

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee minutes of December 18, 2008 (see attached minutes). Mayor Verbosky said he has been hearing a lot of positive comments on the new cardio room. He asked that council give Mr. Kovasevic all the support they can. Mr. Oberdorf said a good sign is that use of the cardio equipment has had to be limited to 30 minutes due to demand which is a good sign.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky thanked the public works department for their efforts last weekend on snow removal, congratulated the Rust family on the grand opening of their storage facility, and reminded council of a letter he had given them from the Ohio Municipal League regarding services they provide.

Mr. Ciecka reminded council of an educational opportunity on January 28th in Bowling Green on the State of the Region. He said the next transit forum is scheduled for February 18th from 4:30-7:30pm at TMACOG. This will include a light supper and feature the unveiling of the TARTA analysis and discussion. RSVP's are requested and the snow date is February 26th. He said the public works department did a great job last weekend and that the salting plan seems to be working. Mr. Hermes said he had seen that Toledo's overtime for last weekend amounted to over \$250,000 and questioned what ours was. Mr. Ciecka is to get that amount for him.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

#2009-01 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS UHLER TO THE NORTHERN WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a reappointment of a long term, very good member. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-02 – A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03 (B) REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a request of the recreation committee for two levies of .4mills each that expire this year. They are recommending renewal levies be placed on the May ballot. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-03 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY SZILAGYE TO THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said earlier this year he had placed a similar resolution on the agenda but asked that it be pulled due to the sensitivity regarding TARTA situation and that the only applicant was a prior employee of TARTA. The new applicant has no ties to TARTA. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. Hermes, Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette aye. Michaels and Kovach no. Motion carried 5-2.

#2009-04 – A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03 (B) REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards said this resolution mirrors Resolution #2009-02 and is requested by the public safety committee which met today. This is at the request of the fire chief but the committee is not yet ready to recommend any levy action but due to statutory requirements needs the auditor to certify valuations now. Several millage numbers are being requested to cover different possibilities. Mr. Michaels asked what levies are expiring this year and was told by Mr. Richards one is a .6mill operating levy and the other is a 1 mill equipment levy. Both expire this year. Mayor Verbosky said the varied valuation requests will allow for other options to be looked at. Mr. Kovach asked what an additional 1 mill fire levy or 2 mill public safety levy would be used for and was told by Mr. Richards that the fire levy could possibly be used to purchase a new aerial ladder truck to replace our 30 year old one and that the public safety levy could be a combination levy to include police needs, however the committee has made no recommendations yet and is not yet prepared to speak on uses. Mr. Oberdorf emphasized that these are just possible scenarios being discussed, that no recommendations have been arrived at yet, and that we just need the auditor to verify values. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried.

*****Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to amend the second paragraph by changing recreation to public safety in two separate spots. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette asked if Chief Vespi was back on staff and was told by Mr. Ciecka that he has returned home from Kuwait but is not yet on city duty. He is expected back on January 22nd after marching in the inaugural parade. He also complimented the police department for their handling of an incident involving his daughter.

Mrs. Eckel complimented the public works department for their hard work on snow removal.

Mr. Oberdorf encouraged everyone to see the new cardio room at the Rec Center, complimented public works, and said that Interstate Lanes is hosting the Bowling Congress this weekend.

Mr. Richards agreed that the public works department did a fantastic job on snow removal but said he was equally impressed by the police and fire response to several emergencies.

Mr. Kovach scheduled a meeting of the Economic Development committee for January 20 at 5:00pm.

Mr. Hermes asked if the safety committee is meeting on January 26th and was told yes, at 6:00pm. He congratulated the Rust family on the ribbon-cutting of their new storage facility and forwarded a citizen complaint regarding the unattractiveness of painting the streets for the Glass City Marathon. Mr. Oberdorf suggested Mr. Ciecka contact the Toledo Roadrunners.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council