

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on May 4, 2009 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Those answering roll call: Mayor Rusciollelli; Clerk Blissett; Trustees: J. Rader, Black, Faires, T. Rader, Pottier and Bartley. Also in attendance were: Supt. Tone, Off. Mgr. Viola, Chief Smith, Treasurer Laffey and Atty. Myers. Guests included: Ralph Willoughby, Denise Bartz and Lisa Kramer.

An ordinance was brought forth to be pass for expenditures before the bills could be paid. Trustee Bartley made a motion to pass Ord. #2009-009 Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending the Adoption of the Annual Appropriation. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, T. Rader, Pottier and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Faires made a motion to accept the amended minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee J. Rader. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, T. Rader, Pottier and Bartley voted yes.

Ralph Willoughby came before the Board to discuss where the police cars get their oil changed. He stated that he did not understand why, when we have two mechanics and two auto repair shops in town, we take our business into Springfield. He asked Trustee Faires. Trustee Faires stated that he was under no obligation to speak to him. Trustee Pottier stated that Supt. Stone or Chief Smith should be able to answer that. Supt. Stone stated that we don't have two mechanics, we have one, with a part time one if needed. He stated that it is cost effective for us to take them in Springfield because of the stock that we would have to maintain to do it ourselves. Mr. Willoughby asked why we have a mechanic. Supt. Stone explained that he does a variety of different mechanic work, instead of just oil changes. It can be done faster and more cost effective to take it to town. Mr. Willoughby then asked why don't we use the businesses in Riverton. He also wondered about how much time does it take to go into Springfield and wait for an oil change. Supt. Stone stated that if there is a significant wait, they will come back. If there is not a wait, they will stay with it. The majority of the time, it is a half of an hour or so. Mr. Willoughby stated that he feels that we could leave the cars at the places in Riverton and then go back on pick them up. Supt. Stone asked Mr. Willoughby what exactly he wanted us to do. Mr. Willoughby stated that he thinks we should use local. Supt. Stone stated that we try to find the best deal. Supt. Stone stated that we do have Lyons Auto to some work. Mr. Willoughby asked if we tried Larry Good's place. Supt. Stone stated that he thought Mr. Good just did body work. Mr. Willoughby stated that Mr. Good works on his vehicles. He stated that he feels that the work that we need done should stay in Riverton. He didn't want to argue with anyone. Supt. Stone stated that he did not want to argue either. He stated that by going with Brahler, we can get it done right-a-way. Mr. Willoughby stated that he imagines' that if we let the local business know and call and get an appointment a week in advance, the businesses would accommodate us.

Trustee Pottier stated that he also would like to see us patronize the local businesses, but he would like to see some numbers and see what the difference cost would be to use local versus going to some place like Brahlers.

Mr. Willoughby stated that it might be a dollar more or a couple of dollars higher, but when the employees go to town, there is time and man hours loss. The cost could be made up pretty quick. Chief Smith stated that we have taken our cars to Lyons and had oil changes. But the problem

with that is that Lyons is so busy and trying to get then scheduled in, we would have to drop them off and then come back and get another car. Also if only one person is on, then they would have to have someone pick them up. He stated that when we go into Brahlars, they make police cars their priority and we are done and back within a half an hour. Chief Smith stated that he doesn't care one way or the other. It is just faster. Mr. Willoughby stated that he is not here to argue with anyone, he just feels that we should keep the tax dollars in Riverton. He thinks that if we notify the businesses at least a week in advance, they will take us in.

Chief Smith stated that trying to get into Lyons it sometimes difficult because of all the cars he has, and with the work he does.

Denise Bartz came before the Board to discuss the Green Club. It is a club with high schools students. They just put on an Easter egg hunt for the kids. They would like to put on a X-Box Madden 09 tournament and an American Idol contest. She stated that they want to use the park for the idol contest and would like to know if there are any ordinances and such that they have to know about. Also they would like to plant some edible plants and trees in the parks. She feels that the best place would be by the tennis courts. She would like to plant dwarf apple trees. She would like permission to do this. The kids want to raise money for the Field of Dreams. Do they also need a permit to sell sodas? They want to do this in July. There is also a participation fee. Trustee Faires stated that they need to make sure the pavilion is available. The Board stated that as long as it isn't violating any ordinance, they didn't see a problem. Ms. Bartz stated that they just planted 50 Christmas trees. It will take a few years until they are ready. Trustee Faires stated that you can't charge admission to get in the park, but you can ask for donations. Trustee J. Rader stated that they don't want any kind of fruit trees on the Field of Dreams because of the lagoons and the insects. After some more discussion, the Board agreed to the project.

Lisa Kramer, of Hansen's Eng. came before the Board to ask for approval of the re-development agreement with Prairie Hawk Dev. She stated that paragraph 20 was added. It is an expiration date for May, 2011. Trustee Bartley made a motion to pass Ord. #2009-0010 Approving of Redevelopment Agreement with Prairie Hawk Development, LLC. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, T. Rader, Pottier and Bartley voted yes.

Ms. Kramer also discussed the Washington St. sewer project. She stated that they have put together a letter, but it hasn't been sent yet. It will go tomorrow if it did not go later today. It states what the Board agreed to do. She also asked about the low to moderate income. Off. Mgr. Viola stated that she hasn't had time to look yet, as she was out of the office because a death in the family. They also discussed what was in the letter, where the sewer line will be located and the depth. Ms. Kramer stated that she does have an amendment on the engineering costs. She stated that she feels that the service area is still the same. Off. Mgr. Viola stated that she would check it. Trustee Pottier asked about the cost. Ms. Kramer stated that the amendment was for \$15,000. Copies were given to the Board.

The Board discussed amending Section 50C. It was for the changing of the billing dates for the utility office. It was tabled until next meeting.

Next, an ordinance came before the Board that was an agreement with IMEA concerning replacing the RTU. Trustee Pottier stated that we are not paying for that, and it will save us \$600 a month. Trustee Pottier made a motion to pass Ord. #2009-0011 Approving an Agreement with IMEA. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, T. Rader, Pottier and Bartley voted yes.

Mayor Rusciolelli presented Trustee Tom Rader a plaque for his service as a trustee and Mayor-Pro-Tem. He was congratulated and thanked for his service. Atty. Myers swore in Clerk Blissett.

Then Clerk Blissett swore in the new trustees., which were Trustee Pottier, Trustee Faires and Trustee Raycraft.

The Clerk also passed out Certificates of Election.

Atty. Myers explained that Mayor/Elect Bob Todd is not present tonight because he is out of town, so he can't be sworn in. He stated that he is not sure whether Mayor Rusciollelli should preside and continue as Mayor. He stated that Mayor/Elect Todd will be sworn in when he gets back and he will check further to see what the rules are. Mayor Rusciollelli will continue as mayor until something changes.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM with a first from Trustee Pottier and a seconded by Trustee J. Rader and all agreed, and with the retiring officers leaving.

The Board then opened a new meeting at 7:44 PM with roll call. Those answering roll call: Mayor Rusciollelli; Clerk Blissett; Trustees: J. Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, Bartley and Raycraft.

The new committees were discussed and copies were given to the board members and it showed what committees they were on. Trustee Pottier read the names. Then, Trustee Pottier made a motion to accept the committees. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, Bartley and Raycraft voted yes.

Supt. Stone gave the Board copies of his written report (see attached). He stated that they had asked for donations for the fountain at Veterans Park and received around \$3000. They have exceeded the amount to purchase it. So, they also want to upgrade the lights. He would like permission to purchase. Trustee Raycraft made a motion to purchase the fountain for Veterans Park. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, Bartley and Raycraft voted yes.

He also discussed Douglas Ave. He stated that the engineers didn't think they needed to check that street. He thinks that they do. He also stated that they need the PSI test on the base and the concrete tested. Trustee Bartley asked if the contract with the engineering included inspection or just the plans. Supt. Stone stated that it was for the plans. The engineers stated that they were told that they didn't need to inspect. Supt. Stone stated that he doesn't know who told them that, but we have never done that before. We have always had our streets inspected. He stated that he can't give the Board a cost yet. Trustee Black stated that the engineers need to do that themselves. Supt. Stone stated that some of the tests would have to be done by someone else, like the PSI test. He stated that Martin Eng. stated that it would be an hourly fee. Then PSI will bill us for what they do. He stated that he has no totals yet. Trustee J. Rader stated that we won't accept the roadway if it is not inspected. Trustee Bartley stated that we need to get the numbers since this is a job that needs to be done. Trustee J. Rader made a motion to get the engineering done with the PSI and make sure it is inspected and done right. It was seconded by Black. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, Bartley and Raycraft voted yes.

Mayor Rusciollelli stated that he feels that Trustee Pottier needs to be appointed Mayor-Pro-Tem under Mayor/Elect Todd, as per Mayor/Elect Todd's wishes. He will then turn the meeting over to Trustee Pottier. Trustee Bartley made a motion to appoint Trustee Pottier Mayor-Pro-Tem. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees J. Rader, Faires, Bartley and Raycraft voted yes with Trustee Black and Trustee Pottier voting present.

Mayor-Pro-Tem Pottier then took over the meeting and Mayor Rusciollelli retired. Mayor Rusciollelli introduced his family to everyone. The Board also showed him a plaque that will hang in the village hall with his picture and name on it.

There was a question about purchasing the chemicals for the force main by Trustee Bartley. Atty. Myers explained that it wasn't a true contract but a quote. It is states that if you buy this, here are the terms. All you have to do is agree to the terms. It isn't a contract binding the village to buy any set amount. That way you can purchase the chemicals without a bid.

Trustee Bartley also discussed having the old fire house tested. He stated that they were looking for voids under the floor of the old fire house. He stated that they did find some voids, but they were along the walls. They did give us a bid to fix it, but after a conversation between Trustee Bartley and Supt. Stone, it was decided not to fix it. There will be a \$150 charge for inspecting. Supt. Stone explained that there was a rumor that there was a big hollow area under one of the bays and nothing could be parked there. There isn't a hollow area there, and where they found them was around the area where there were seams along the wall. It will not affect the what the Village would like to park in there.

Atty. Myers asked about Hansen's design fee. Off. Mgr. Viola stated that she hasn't had a chance to look at it. Apparently it is because of the change of the design. Atty. Myers stated that it is an extra and apparently was done already. He stated that someone can make a motion to pass it. Trustee Pottier asked if anyone went over what all this was for. Supt. Stone stated that Hansen's does have a listing of what they do and how much it cost to do it. Atty. Myers asked if this was itemized. No, just a fee listed-\$15,000. The Board had some more discussion of where it the sewer line goes and what kind of changes were made. Atty. Myers stated that we need to wait until we received an itemized bill before we pay it. Trustee Pottier asked if this was the way it was done, just do it and then send a bill. Atty. Myers stated that our contract probably has a rate sheet. Then if we order extras, then we have a rate for that also. He stated that he does have a problem with just a lump sum for a fee. He feels that we need it itemized. Trustee Faires stated that he feels that because we changed what we wanted and where we wanted it to go, that is the reason for the increase. Atty. Myers stated that we still need an itemized bill before we pay it. Trustee Bartley suggested that we put it on the agenda for next meeting and get a break down of price.

Off. Mgr. Viola stated that she is just getting caught up and will get together with Treasurer Laffey this week.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). He also reported that Off. Mills wants to attend a 16 hour training class in June. It is a 2 day class, so he needs board approval. Trustee Faires made a motion to allow Off. Mills to go to a 16 hour training class. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, Bartley and Raycraft voted yes.

He also reported that he did receive the tobacco grant.

Trustee Faires asked about the car in Illiopolis. Chief Smith stated that the new chief over there isn't sure what they want to do. They will let us know.

Trustee Faires stated that the union has sent a letter that they would like to start union negotiations soon.

Trustee Pottier stated that he did invite Mayor/Elect to the IMEA and they also visited with IMGGA. It gave Mayor/Elect Todd some insight to both agencies.

Trustee Pottier also stated that we should have an Admin. Comm. Meeting to discuss the read dates and the due dates. There are some concern about the due dates. So, it was felt that they should meet again to go over this some more in committee.

Trustee Bartley brought up seasonal help again for cutting grass. He asked if it is going to make it into the budget. Off. Mgr. Viola stated that she hasn't had time yet to see. Trustee Bartley would like to talk about it next meeting.

Treasurer Laffey stated that he received a notice about a conference from Ill. Municipal Annual Treasurer Assoc. in June from the 14th to the 16th. He would like to go. The cost is \$175. Trustee Bartley approve Treasurer Laffey's request to go to the conference at a cost of \$175. It was seconded by Trustee J. Rader. Trustees J. Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, Bartley and Raycraft voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. All agreed.

_____ Mayor _____ Date
_____ Clerk