

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on August 17, 2009 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Todd; Clerk McCullough; Trustees: Raycraft, Pottier, Bartley, Faires, Black and Rader. Also in attendance were: Off. Mgr. Viola, Chief Smith and Treasurer Laffey. Supt. Stone was absent. Guests included: Jeff Price, David Charles, John Piershale, Brian Martin and Mike Keebler.

Trustee Faires made a motion to accept the minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Raycraft, Bartley, Faires, Black and Rader voted yes with Trustee Pottier abstaining due to not having the opportunity to review them.

Jeff Price came before the board regarding his water leak issue. He stated a lot of time had passed since April when he sent the Village an invoice. He presented the board with a revised invoice which included late fees of 10%. Mr. Price informed the board that he supported a lot of them in the last election and that he was appalled when he got the call that the board decided not to reimburse him. He asked the board to reconsider his invoice because his next step would be to go to the county building to file a suit. He stated that he would also go door to door to question if other residents had problems and issues regarding Village late fees; that he could make things miserable. Mayor Todd questioned why Mr. Price's invoice was not itemized. The board received a bill for \$250 and he wanted to know what it was Mr. Price did that he felt he deserved payment of \$250. Mr. Price stated it was for simple labor because he dug a hole from his meter to his house and spent an entire day checking his faucets for leaks. Mayor Todd asked Mr. Price why the landlord was not responsible for the property. Mr. Price stated that he takes care of the property and that is the reason his rent never increases. Mayor Todd apologized for Mr. Price's efforts to which he found no leak. Mayor Todd stated the invoice would again be brought up in committee. Mr. Price thanked the board for their time.

Dave Charles came before the board as a representative of the Glen Acres subdivision. They are looking to have their 4th annual block party on October 10th with a rain date of October 17th. The subdivision has collected 6-8 bags of non perishable food items as a way to give back to the community. Mr. Charles asked for the Village's support, barricades and trash cans. Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve the Glen Acres subdivision block party. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, Bartley and Raycraft voted yes.

John Peirshale, a financial planner, came before the board to discuss using the community room to hold informational financial planning seminars. He was instructed to contact the library to schedule the time and date.

Trustee Rader stated the Washington Street sewer extension project would begin in September. Once started the project will most likely be completed in 60 days.

Supt. Stone was not in attendance however he gave the Board a copy of his written report prior to the meeting (see attached). Mayor Todd asked the board if there were any questions; there were

none.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written and monthly reports (see attached). Smith wanted to bring up a class that he and Officer Harkins want to attend regarding domestic violence. The class would be at no cost to the Village. Trustee Faires made a motion to approve training for Chief Smith and Officer Harkins. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Raycraft, Bartley, Pottier, Faires, Black and Rader voted yes.

Office Mgr. Viola reported that LOCIS would be at the Village on Thursday to perform updates to the utility billing system. The office will remain open; however it will be very hectic waiting on customers and answering the phones while being trained on the new system. There are several major changes to the payroll and utility billing procedures. The Village has used the collection agency CSB for the last three years; however the main contact went to another company. Viola will be presenting to the board at the next meeting a new contract in order to switch to the new company. The audit is being finished up and should be completed before October 1st.

Treasurer Laffey stated the library tax levy is complete. The Village still has time to get theirs done; he will be happy to discuss it further.

Trustee Faires made a motion that Chief Smith be given the authority to approve no cost training without board approval. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Raycraft, Bartley, Pottier, Faires, Black and Rader voted yes. Trustee Faires stated he talked with union representatives and they've decided to delay the start of the 12 hour shifts until November.

Trustee Rader made a motion to waive bids on the purchase of a Hydro Kinetic pump for the water plant. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Raycraft, Bartley, Pottier, Faires, Black and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Rader made a motion to approve the down payment for the Hydro Kinetic pump and purchase parts from Illinois Meter. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Rader, Black, Pottier, Bartley, Raycraft and Faires voted yes.

Trustee Raycraft stated the parks committee had a meeting on August 6th. She informed the board that the parking lot extension was moving right along. She wanted to thank Village employees, Chuck Stone, Alex Lyons and Clearlake Township and especially Ron Williams for having all the millings donated. Trustee Raycraft stated she was approached by a boy scout who will be placing 150-160 concrete blocks in the parking lot and painting lines which will complete the project. Trustees were in agreement that it would be beneficial for the Boy Scout to come before the board at the next meeting. Trustee Raycraft stated she received the price for oil and chipping the parking lot; \$11,340.88. Trustee Raycraft made a motion to approve payment of \$11,430.88 to oil and chip the parking lot at Field of Dreams. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Raycraft, Bartley, Pottier, Faires, Black and Rader voted yes. Raycraft also noted the roadway to the new concession stand is also progressing. Trustee Raycraft wanted to thank Trustee Rich Pottier for donating the sign posted showing appreciation to Sangamon County for their donation to the parking lot. She would also like to thank Hans Distlehorst for surveying. The survey is almost complete. The High School boy's soccer team will be playing their games at the Field of Dreams. Also discussed at length was the Field of Dreams lighting. It was decided at the committee meeting by committee board members not to use the lights that were received. The lights are single phase lights and would need to be used with a single phase transformer. In order to ever upgrade to a three phase transformer, which is more efficient, everything would have to be

replaced.

Trustee Bartley stated he talked with Martin Engineering and they are finishing up the motor fuel program and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Trustee Pottier stated he wanted to schedule an administrative committee meeting to discuss the personnel code and possible annexation of property on Old Route 36. The meeting was scheduled for August 20th at 4:45 p.m.

The board revisited the Jeff Price water leak issue. They discussed which committee should resolve the issue due to his threat to file a suit. Atty. Myers stated this issue comes up in small claims court often and the answer is always the same, a judge will not award it. Trustee Bartley made a motion to deny the Jeff Price claim. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Rader, Black, Bartley, Raycraft, Pottier and Faires voted yes. The board agreed to send Mr. Price a letter of apology stating they were very sorry he spent his time and effort searching for a leak; however they voted not to reimburse him. The board was in agreement that Mr. Price did not actually incur an expense for the board to reimburse. Trustee Faires stated that if a customer has a high water bill and the Village doesn't send them a letter that they may have a leak, we're the bad guys. If we send them a letter and it turns out they don't have a leak, we're the bad guys again. The letter the Village sends out is done as a courtesy, it states the customer has high water usage; they *may* have a leak and might want to look into it. The letter does not say to go out and dig up your yard or hire a contractor. Mayor Todd asked Office Mgr. Viola to send a letter of apology to Mr. Price notifying him of the board's decision.

The Board went into closed session at 8:51 pm with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second from Trustee Faires. This meeting is closed pursuant to Chapter 102, paragraph 42, of the Illinois Revised Statutes of the Open Meeting Act regarding litigation and personnel.

The board went back into open session at 9:01 pm with a motion from Trustee Faires and a second by Trustee Bartley.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. All agreed.

_____ Mayor _____ Date
_____ Clerk