

## MINUTES

### RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on September 21, 2009 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Todd; Clerk McCullough; Trustees: Rader, Black, Faires, Pottier, and Raycraft. Also in attendance were: Supt. Stone, Treasurer Laffey and Chief Smith. Office Manager Viola was absent. Guests included: Ralph Willoughby and Glen Beckman. Trustee Bartley arrived shortly after roll call.

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

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to discuss the police department, silent rain subdivision and the water treatment facility. Mr. Willoughby questioned the police department drug testing policy. He hopes that in the future when policemen are hired there is a much more thorough background check. Mr. Willoughby stated that now that the Village has accepted the final plat of the Silent Rain subdivision that these lots are now subject to Village ordinances, such as the height of plant nuisance ordinance. Mr. Willoughby stated that the length of time to draw up the plans for the water treatment facility, the engineering company or person responsible should've been fired and not collected one cent of the taxpayer's money. These plans have gone on for 18 months. Willoughby asked how much the engineering company got paid. Mayor Todd stated the engineers for the water treatment plan were paid a \$58,000. Mr. Willoughby thanked the board for their time. Mayor Todd mentioned that there had been a change in the engineering firm, the owner of the company had taken over complete control of the situation.

Moving onto old business with the Washington Street Sewer extension; Supt. Stone talked with Petersburg Plumbing & Heating and they plan to start October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Faires asked that a rate update on miscellaneous charges be put on the agenda in reference to the Village having to clean out private ditches. Discussion was had regarding what to charge. Trustee Faires stated that he was under the impression Grandview charged \$100 an hour. Trustee Faires asked the board for their input. Trustee Rader suggested the miscellaneous charge issue be sent to the Administrative committee. All agreed. Supt. Stone also suggested they discuss a deposit and/or clean up charge for using the pavilion and its restrooms. Trustee Faires suggested a \$75 deposit, however, if the restrooms were cleaned, it would be refunded.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street overlay grant is tabled until the October 5, 2009 meeting.

Supt. Stone gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Stone stated he had nothing to discuss unless there were questions on his report. Mayor Todd asked the board if there were any questions. Trustee Bartley asked if there had been an update on the fire hydrant clearance problems. Stone stated the fire department wanted a system map with all the hydrants on it, which the village does not have. At one time he tried to put it in the budget but the cost was \$10,000.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written and monthly reports (see attached). Smith stated he had a collective bargaining issue and asked to go into closed session after the meeting. Chief Smith discussed Wheeland Park campers and permits. A family had been staying at the park for one month. Trustee Faires suggested the issue be discussed at the next parks committee.

Trustee Faires stated Officer Mills had done a great job and wanted to publicly acknowledge his good work in solving a rash of burglaries around Riverton and adjacent areas.

The Board went into closed session at 7:22 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, personnel and collective bargaining.

The board went back into open session at 8:36 pm with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second by Trustee Rader.

Trustee Bartley immediately made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm. It was seconded by Trustee Black. All agreed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk