

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on January 19, 2010 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Todd; Clerk Graves; Trustees: Faires, Rader, Raycraft and Pottier. Trustee Bartley was absent. Also in attendance were: Supt. Stone, Treasurer Laffey, Off. Mgr. Viola, Atty. Myers' associate Nick San Diego and Chief Smith. Guests included: Ralph Willoughby.

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

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to discuss Petersburg Plumbing & Heating and the Washington Street sewer job. Willoughby asked if Petersburg was paying for the dewatering and if they were responsible for finishing the road. Supt. Stone stated the dewatering was included in the original contract and Petersburg maintained the road until January 8th when it was turned back over to the Village. Stone stated Petersburg would be back in April when the weather was better to regrade. Willoughby then asked if the job was being paid for with \$289,413 of grant money. Off. Mgr. Viola stated it was not all grant money; approximately \$280,000 was grant money. Viola stated the grant money had to be used in an area that was low to moderate income. Willoughby stated he would like to see the water lines in the Village that are insufficient be repaired or replaced. There are three streets that he's aware of that have 4" and they should be at least 6". Off. Mgr. Viola asked which streets Willoughby was referring to. Willoughby mentioned Kinzie, Adams & Madison Streets and Supt. Stone agreed those were the oldest streets with 4". Another question from Willoughby about Kinzie St. was regarding a fire hydrant by the bridge that is no longer there. Supt. Stone stated he would look into it, although he thought it might have been taken out when the bridge was redone. Trustee Faires mentioned Stone's report and the cost of replacing the mains. Supt. Stone stated the Village of Rochester did a water main replacement job that was done by Petersburg. They replaced 1000 ft. and it cost \$130,000, basically \$130 per ft. The three streets within the Village in question are 1700 ft. streets. The cost would be \$225,000 per street. Willoughby stated the Village should file for a grant. Supt. Stone stated grant wise they are almost non-existent. Trustee Pottier asked Mr. Willoughby that if he were to see any information on grants during his research to please inform himself or any other board member, they would all be more than happy to follow up.

Mayor Todd stated the appointment of the new trustee would be tabled until the next board meeting.

Supt. Stone gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Stone asked the board if there were any questions. There were none.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Smith also gave the trustees his End of Year Report for 2009. Chief Smith discussed the intergovernmental agreement

with Sangamon County Public Health for Hepatitis B vaccines. The vaccine cost \$47 per injection; \$141 for a new officer. Smith stated he needed permission from the board to sign the agreement on behalf of the police department. Trustee Faires made a motion to accept the Intergovernmental agreement with Sangamon County Dept. of Public Health related to Hepatitis B vaccines for officers. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Raycraft, Pottier, Faires and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Pottier passed out the personnel code and stated he would like the board to review it before its approval at the next meeting. He asked if there were any changes that needed to be made, to direct them to himself or Trustee Bartley. Regarding the policy on overtime; Trustee Pottier asked Supt. Stone to type it up in letter form for the mayor to sign as to when employees could be called out, who had authority to call employees out and who had authority to approve the overtime. Pottier noted the overtime policy is separate and would not be a part of the personnel code. Trustee Pottier discussed future developers that may want to locate to Riverton and bring in commercial business. Discussion was had on what the Village had to offer to locate in Riverton such as incentives on a utility rate structure or tapping fees. Trustee Bartley stated in his email that the Village has been proactive in promoting growth in the Village, especially in regards to sales tax generated businesses. He noted in effort to appease neighbors of the Dollar General, the developer agreed to erect an 8 ft privacy fence around the property on 3 sides, therefore being forced to incur a lot of extra expense in order to develop the land. The board has worked with developers in the past on tap fees and he hopes the board could do the same with Dollar General. The economic impact Dollar General will have on the village; property tax being one instance, utilities another. The new 9000 sq. ft. building will increase property taxes from the few hundred dollars that is currently generated on agricultural ground to about \$15-\$18000 for commercial. He noted the village would not get all of the monies, but would get approximately \$1000 per year more than what the Village gets now. Utility wise, the new store is 3 times the size of the current store, the coolers are 5 times the size of the current coolers, and therefore electric consumption will increase substantially compared to the current store. Gas to heat the building will also increase. Trustee Pottier stated he is a proponent of trying to promote businesses. Mayor Todd stated the Dollar General was only the first part of this development. Trustee Rader stated that Dollar General was already an established business; it was not like the Village was acquiring a new business. The tap fees only cover what the Village puts in, the Village is not making money considering the labor would be free, and therefore he doesn't think the Village can afford to give that type of incentive. Trustee Rader believes tap fees should be paid because it is the only way to recoup the equipment. Trustee Rader stated if it was a new business, he might feel differently. Dollar General is an established business, they're only changing location. Trustee Faires agreed it was an established business but it's multiplying three times the original size. Trustee Rader stated he would also like to see a new business locate where the old Dollar General is located but there is no guarantee that will happen. Trustee Faires asked what the difference in price would be between single phase and triple phase service. Trustee Rader stated it would be 3 times the cost. A single phase service costs approximately \$2500. Supt. Stone stated the trouble with 3 phase, besides the cost, is the wiring. Instead of running 1 wire, you have to run 3; the wire adds almost \$2000 to the price itself. Trustee Faires stated he could see cutting them a break at the single phase rate, if they want something different than what the Village normally puts in, they could pay the difference. Trustee Rader stated that has been done in the past. Supt. Stone stated in the past on the larger transformers the Village absorbed 1/3 of the cost, which is not in the ordinance but it has been done before. It would take \$2000 off the price of the transformer. Off. Mgr. Viola stated the Village would not be giving services away but rather helping with the cost of it. Trustee Rader noted that if incentives were

agreed upon, the board would be setting precedence. Trustee Pottier stated the board needed to come up with something fair & equitable. Supt. Stone stated there were very few communities with their own utilities to use as incentives. Stone also mentioned that current businesses with 3 phase services were already receiving a discount because they were not being charged demand, which is a substantial savings on their monthly bill. Stone noted that just by being in Riverton and the Village not charging demand on 3 phase service is already an incentive to businesses because they would be getting a substantial discount on their power. Mayor Todd stated he would like to see a report of what type of cost savings that is. Trustee Pottier stated the board would need to be careful about setting precedence. Trustee Bartley made a point in his email; the Village will reap whatever the Village invests due to increased utility sales. Supt. Stone noted with the current Dollar General being in the IGA building, the Village does not get the utility revenue because it belongs to Ameren. Trustee Pottier stated there would be a lot of pluses with the Dollar General moving into the Village. Trustee Raycraft stated she agreed the board needed to set precedence, something standard and 'across the board'. Raycraft believes businesses need to be helped in order to show other businesses that the Village has something to offer them. Trustee Pottier asked Barry Brown, owner of the Party Store if he should ever want to expand or build what incentives he would like to see the Village offer. Brown stated with the Village's current rates he would consider moving out of town. Trustee Faires mentioned that although the Village is charged a demand rate, they do not pass that along to the customer. Brown stated the board was considering offering incentives to a multi-million dollar corporation, not a mom & pop business and questioned whether Dollar General really needed a break. Mayor Todd stated the discussion needed to go to committee. The discussion was deferred to the Administrative committee. A recommendation would be made at the next board meeting.

Trustee Faires stated the Police Department has been having issues with their squad cars. Faires stated he would be contacting Chevrolet Corporate Headquarters for some type of relief. The Impala squad cars are continuing to blow head gaskets every 25,000 miles. Chief Smith stated Lyons Automotive looked at one of the cars and did not believe the problem was a blown head gasket. Trustee Faires informed the board the transmission in the 2008 squad car started slipping and is now being rebuilt with only 30,000 on it. Chief Smith stated he did not want to belittle Friendly Chevrolet but every time they take a car to them its a head gasket issue; immediately \$2000 in repairs whether its under warranty or outside of warranty. In one case, Friendly Chevrolet said both head gaskets needed replaced on the 2006 car, however, the head gaskets were just replaced by Friendly Chevrolet 25,000 miles ago. Smith stated he did not know whether that was Friendly Chevrolet's standard answer, if they get a certain trouble code and automatically diagnose it as a head gasket issue. Smith believes the Village needs to look into going elsewhere other than Friendly Chevrolet to do business. Smith stated when the 2004 squad car was at Friendly Chevrolet to be repaired, it had to be taken back 5 times for the same problem. One instance Smith drove to Friendly and found the car parked behind the building, unlocked, and they hadn't even begun working on it after a week. Trustee Faires agreed they should use someone other than Friendly Chevrolet. Trustee Pottier asked Chief Smith who his alternative to Friendly Chevrolet would be. Trustee Faires stated the repair business should stay local as the cars come off of warranty. Smith stated for warranty repairs he believed any General Motors dealership will honor any General Motors warranty. S & K, Miles Chevrolet and Giuffre Buick were all mentioned as alternatives. Trustee Pottier asked for a time frame of when the next squad car would be purchased, if in the next fiscal year. Chief Smith stated the lowest mileage squad car has 30,000 miles on it; the highest mileage car has over 150,000 miles on it. Smith stated he was putting together a report of all the repairs on the squad cars, how in the end it might be cheaper to buy a new car.

Trustee Rader made a motion to approve the additional cost of cleaning Well #5 up to \$3500. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Faires and Rader voted yes. Trustee Rader made a motion to pay Hanson Engineers an additional \$8002. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Faires and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Raycraft stated she spoke with Ron Williams and he hoped to break ground on the Field of Dreams concession stand next week, weather permitting.

Trustee Faires stated the Street committee consisting of himself, Trustee Bartley and Supt. Stone met with Martin Engineering regarding the 3rd Street Overlay project. The job will be bid in March. Trustee Pottier asked about the high school. Supt. Stone pointed out the bus lane in front of the high school is not a Village road, it is high school property. Larry Hoffman of Martin Engineering is putting together a unit price of what it would cost to include that in the project with the school paying that portion. Discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of rubber versus steel snow blades and the committee recommended staying with steel blades. Mayor Todd stated there was an article in the paper regarding snow emergency routes, therefore more no parking and snow emergency signs were ordered for those roads where they are needed. Mayor Todd discussed procedures for a declaration of a snow emergency. It currently requires the Mayor to be notified; the Mayor must declare a snow emergency that is published to the residents. In the Mayor's absence the Chief of Police may declare a snow emergency. Currently there is no definitive amount of snow that constitutes a snow emergency. His intent is to adopt a policy that if the Village receives 3" of snow within a 24 hour period of time or if the National Weather Service has issued a snow warning predicting the Village to receive snowfall of 3" or greater within a 24 hour period then the Village can publish the snow emergency declaration automatically and it will not require Mayor approval.

The Board went into closed session at 7:59 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Faires and a second from Trustee Rader. This meeting is closed pursuant to Chapter 102, paragraph 42, of the Illinois Revised Statutes of the Open Meeting Act regarding personnel issues.

The board went back into open session at 8:23p.m. with a motion from Trustee Faires and a second by Trustee Raycraft.

Trustee Faires immediately made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. All agreed.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk