

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on October 18, 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: Charles, Rader, Raycraft, Faires, Bartley and Pottier. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Laffey, Atty. Myers, Off. Mgr. Viola, Supt. Lyons and Chief Smith. Guests on the agenda: Ralph Willoughby and Dirk McCormick.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve payment of Jim Leka's Invoice #534 in the amount of \$11,340. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Charles, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Faires made a motion to approve payment of E.L. Pruitt Pay Estimate #7 in the amount of \$15,382.08. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Charles, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

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

Dirk McCormick came before representing the Riverton Citizens for Sangamon County Schools to ask the board for their endorsement of the proposal to impose a 1% county wide sales tax for school facilities to be on the November 2nd ballot. The proposal authorizes the county board to impose a 1% sales tax to be used exclusively for school facilities. McCormick gave the board hand-outs to look over. Points of interest discussed:

- 1.) Riverton school district has the 2nd lowest tax rate in Sangamon County.
- 2.) When you take out the tax rate portion that comes from voter approved bonds, Riverton has the lowest 'tax rate' in Sangamon County.
- 3.) This has been the trend for the past 10 years.
- 4.) On the 2009 school report card, the Riverton CUSD #14 operating expense per pupil was \$6658 per student, compared to the state average of \$10,417, this puts the district in the bottom 2.38% in Illinois.
- 5.) The proposed sales tax for school facilities could raise an estimated \$1,000,000 annually to improve the Riverton CUSD #14 facilities. The funds can only be used for school infrastructure; paying off debt obligated facility bonds, facility improvements on existing facilities, construction of new facilities and the purchase of land. They cannot be used for salaries, supplies, equipment, etc. The

- new sales tax will apply only to current taxable goods with some exceptions: most groceries, prescriptions and over the counter medication, nothing that requires a license, no vehicles, boats, ATV's, RV's or mobile homes.
- 6.) The school board has promised they will use a substantial portion of the money to pay off existing bond debt annually, which will lower the portion of the tax rate for paying off bonds. This in turn will lower property taxes annually.
 - 7.) 30% of sales receipts generally come from people outside of Sangamon County, that means that \$300,000 of the \$1,000,000 would come to Riverton directly from people outside our county.

McCormick reiterated he was asking for the board's endorsement of the proposal so they could advertise that fact while they go out and seek other voter's. Bartley stated there were two referendums on the ballot, both in advisory nature to the county board. McCormick gave his opinion of the county board's position. Mike Klebe, of the Riverton School Board, also discussed his views on the proposal. There was a question from a member of the audience. Mayor Todd thanked the gentlemen for their time.

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to mention a particular ordinance of which he gave board members a highlighted copy of. There was no discussion regarding the ordinance.

Supt. Lyons gave the update on the water plant stating that Anderson Electric had finished with the conduits and were still running electrical wires to pumps and panels. Regarding the Lucky Horseshoe Lift Station, Lyons stated that B & B Electric was working on wiring the pumps, panels and lighting.

Trustee Bartley stated he spoke with the engineer regarding the 3rd St. Overlay project and asked about the final billing. The engineer stated he was waiting for IDOT to sign off on the final "walk-through", therefore he could not authorize payment.

Trustee Pottier made a motion to remove an Ordinance amending section 30.033 of the Village Code of Ordinances pertaining to compensation for the Mayor and Trustees from the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Pottier, Charles, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

Supt. Lyons gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Lyons updated the board on the Riverton Road lagoon project stating they'd finished cleaning filters on all four 12" tubes and rocks. In the electric department: the rack and capacitors were installed on 7th and Washington Streets, 64 LED kits were ordered for street lamps and tree trimming will be done on 5th and Spaulding. In the Street Department: 14,000 gallons of oil was used to patch Washington Street, Riverton Road and Kinzie Street, oil on existing roads is scheduled for Wednesday October 20th, their focus now will be on drainage issues. In the Gas department: they replaced two gas valves on 3rd Street the week of October 12th due to gas leaks, the business district leak survey is complete, they will start the residential leak survey next week. Regarding Field of Dreams: the parking

lot was oiled, the main building was framed for steel siding and they set anchors for 6 x 6 posts on the south side of building. In general maintenance: a new roof was installed on the gas garage at location #3, the roof at the electric garage was torn off and is now ready for a new roof, they also replaced an old walk through door at location #3.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). There were no questions.

Off. Mgr. Viola had no report.

Treasurer Laffey had no report.

Trustee Pottier had no report.

Trustee Faires had no report.

Trustee Rader stated Tony Horner sent out for bids on the telemetry system and only received one back. Rader stated the cost was going to be roughly around \$10,000. Trustee Bartley suggested an ordinance be drafted. An ordinance will be added to the agenda for next meeting. Trustee Rader asked for an executive session regarding personnel.

Trustee Raycraft stated she was approached by a member of "Operation Green Team". The group is raising money in an effort to plant trees and/or plants at the parks. The issue was deferred to the parks committee. Trustee Raycraft scheduled a parks committee meeting for October 25th at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Bartley scheduled a street committee meeting for November 1st at 6:00 pm for bid openings. Bartley mentioned the Eagles Club was having a Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park on November 7th at 1:00 pm and that everyone was invited to attend. Trustee Bartley made a motion to block off 3rd St. from Lincoln to Washington due to the Veterans Day Ceremony. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Bartley, Rader, Charles and Raycraft voted yes.

Trustee Charles had no report.

The Board went into closed session at 7:42 p.m. 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 personnel.

The board went back into open session at 7:48 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second by Trustee Faires.

Trustee Rader discussed drainage issues to be addressed. It was determined Supt. Lyons would talk with the property owner and send a letter to follow up.

