

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on February 1, 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, Pottier and Bartley. Also in attendance were: Supt. Stone, Treasurer Laffey, Off. Mgr. Viola, Atty. John Myers 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, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to inquire if police officers started the random drug testing policy. Chief Smith stated all police officers had been drug tested and the first round of random tests had also been conducted. Willoughby asked Chief Smith whether future break in occurrences would be posted in the paper. Chief Smith stated it would be on a case by case basis. Willoughby stated it would be helpful in warning citizens to be more alert in certain areas. Willoughby then asked the board about business incentives; whether the incentives were for Dollar General or the contractor. Mayor Todd stated that nothing had been decided. Trustee Rader stated it would be Dollar General that would benefit from the incentives not the contractor. Supt. Stone stated the contractor's responsibility is from the meters into the building on this job. The tap fees from our mains to the building are paid by either the property owner or the developer, not the contractor.

Mayor Todd appointed Dave Charles as new trustee to fill Cathy Black's position. Trustee Pottier made a motion to appoint Dave Charles as new trustee. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Raycraft, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes.

Business incentives for new businesses and the personnel code were both tabled until the next board meeting.

Mayor Todd stated he received a letter from IMUA regarding a \$500 scholarship. He stated there were four scholarships available to 75 municipalities which require a \$75 minimum donation. After reviewing the information Mayor Todd did not believe it was in the best interest of the Village.

Supt. Stone gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Stone stated the electronic meter at the lagoon needed replaced. Trustee Faires made a motion to appropriate \$4000 to repair the electric meter at the lagoon. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Raycraft, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes. Supt. Stone stated he received a phone call from Sangamon County Regional Planning regarding nine acres in Barclay that is being subdivided. Stone stated because the property was within our mile & ½ subdivision control; they were calling to inquire whether the Village wanted to handle the subdivision or let County handle

it. Trustee Faires made a motion to allow the county to handle the subdivision property in Barclay. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Raycraft, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes. Trustee Pottier asked Stone about the average temperature information on the reverse side of the utility bills. Stone stated that when the utility meters were read the consumption was very high, therefore he went to NOAA's website and determined the average temperature for the billing period. The average high for the billing period was 28.6 degrees with the average low being 14.2 degrees. He stated during those 29 days there were 26 days with a low temperature below freezing, and 7 days with a low temperature below 0. The information was researched in preparation of customers contacting the Village Hall questioning high utility consumption.

Clerk Graves swore in Dave Charles as new trustee.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Chief Smith stated he received a phone call from School Supt. Tom Mulligan and that due to budget cuts the school resource officer position may be cut. The school pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of the salary of the school resource officer and the Village pays $\frac{1}{4}$. Smith stated he checked with the Dept. of Justice for grant funding however the grant period for 2009 was closed. Smith stated there would be grants available in May but they did not know whether the "Cops Save Our Schools" program would be available again this year. Smith wanted to make the board aware that the school may or may not have a school officer next year.

Off. Mgr. Viola stated she received an email from IMGA that the natural gas long term supply agreement was going to terminate May 1, 2010. Viola gave board members a current agreement for another two years and would like to vote at the next meeting. She stated the agreement had the same verbiage as the last contract; the only change was the date. They were still offering the .40 off per deco therm. Viola stated the board needed to make a decision whether or not to extend the agreement. Viola also stated level pay customers were slipping through the cracks; there were several that were not paying monthly like they should be. She stated level pay customers pay a certain amount each month for whatever purpose, budgets, the elderly or limited income. Level pay customers needed to make their payments on time each month in order to stay on level pay. She stated the office would be watching more closely from now on. Viola stated she received a letter from Larry Hoffman and that she was going to request reimbursement from IDOT for 3rd Street. Viola asked Trustee Raycraft if there was signed contract for the park; it must be done by the end of March. Trustee Raycraft stated she spoke with Ron Williams and he is aware of that. Viola stated she received copier bids from Canon and Ricoh. She asked Trustee Charles to meet with her to discuss the bids which he could present to the board at the next meeting.

Treasurer Laffey referred back to the lagoon meters stating there was over \$28,000 in contractual services to spend. Trustee Bartley asked if the meter and parts could be bought out of the maintenance fund and the installation be paid for out of contractual services. Off. Mgr. Viola stated it would be easier to pay it entirely out of contractual services.

Trustee Pottier asked Supt. Stone for an update on the Lucky Horseshoe lift station. Stone stated the pump package had been ordered, when it comes in they can start the process. Stone stated they would have to tear the old station out, pour a slab for the new building and get all the piping in. The project would start before the end of the fiscal year. Stone stated they would be natural gas back up pumps, a generator would not be needed.

Trustee Faires stated he wrote Friendly Chevrolet Corporate office two strongly worded emails

and has not heard anything back. He suggested looking into other manufacturers for their next vehicle purchase and referred the issue to the Public Safety Committee.

Trustee Rader stated the water plant was moving along slowly because they were waiting for equipment to come in. He also stated the roof needed to be raised to allow the finishing of the piping in the hallway.

Trustee Bartley stated he spoke with Larry Hoffman regarding the 3rd Street overlay project and possibly by next meeting they would have approved plans to present for bid. Trustee Bartley made a motion to include Jefferson Street as an optional item in the bid. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Charles, Raycraft, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes. Trustee Bartley stated he had a list of all roads for oil and chip that he would forward to the street committee and Alex Lyons. He would get together with Alex Lyons and based on the square footage put together price estimates in order to start working on the motor fuel program for this year.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. All agreed.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk