

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 21, 2011 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: Rader, Pottier, Bartley, Faires and Charles. Trustee Raycraft was absent. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Laffey, Atty. Myers, Off. Mgr. Trainee Stacy Patterson, Chief Smith and Supt. Alex Lyons.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Trustee Bartley made a motion to add the approval and acceptance of the minutes to the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Charles, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes.

Robert and Karen Smania came before the board to discuss an issue with their neighbors dogs. An interpreter spoke on their behalf. The Smania's explained they are involved in a court case regarding their neighbors' dogs roaming at large. The Smania's claim their neighbors' dogs are damaging their property. The board discussed the Smania's situation. Trustee Pottier made a motion to instruct the Village attorney to prosecute the Dickerson's and take them to court for violating the dog ordinance. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Charles, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted no. Trustee Faires made a motion to instruct the police chief to visit the Dickerson's property to determine if the Dickerson's are in violation of the nuisance ordinance. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Charles, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes.

Supt. Lyons stated Siciliano finished the coating of the aeration tank. After the two week cure time, it will be sanitized and brought online. Lyons noted residents may experience cloudy water due to flushing and aeration issues. The water is tested daily and is safe. Painting of the retention tanks was discussed.

Trustee Faires made a motion to adopt Ordinance #11-002 approving an amendment to the current police department collective bargaining agreement. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Charles and Rader voted yes.

Demolished property permits were discussed. An ordinance will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Supt. Lyons gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached).

Water Department: well #5 was repaired, all wells tested

Sewer Department: parts are in for the sludge pump

Electric Department: tree trimming, service repairs, general maintenance

Street Department: road patching, sweeping roads and curbs, cleaning storm drains

Gas Department: general maintenance, service repairs

General: 2010 Ford F550 is in and ready for service, no information from FS

FEMA storm update: \$5,626 cost for 2 day snow storm turned in for reimbursement

Trustee Rader made a motion to send Tim Shane and Jim Ford to an Illinois Commerce Commission seminar in Effingham on April 20th. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Charles and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Rader made a motion to order chlorine. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Charles and Rader voted yes.

Supt. Lyons stated the public works department would like to keep the 2000 vehicle and put the 1995 out for bids. The issue will be brought up in Chief Smith's report.

Census information was discussed. Mayor Todd noted Riverton gained 477 residents for a total population of 3,455.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Smith stated he received the application packet for the Illinois Liquor Commission's tobacco enforcement program. Smith noted they have participated in the program for the past 3 years. The amount of funding would be \$1100 to conduct compliance checks at the four over-the-counter tobacco retailers from August 2011 to May 2012.

Trustee Faires made a motion to recommend participating in the grant. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Charles and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Faires made a motion to participate in the Memorial Day Click it or Ticket enforcement and publish an article in the paper for residents. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Charles and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Faires made a motion to approve sending an officer to firearms instructor training. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Charles, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes.

Hiring a part time police officer was discussed. The issue was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to keep the better vehicle for public works (to be determined between Supt. Lyons and Chief Smith) and put the other car up for sealed bid with the proceeds going to the police budget. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Charles, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes.

Off. Mgr. Trainee Patterson gave the board a copy of her written report (see attached). There was no discussion.

Treasurer Laffey passed out his written report. Laffey stated he would like to meet with each committee to review budgets.

Trustee Pottier noted it was brought up at the last board meeting that the rules and regulations regarding the Open Meetings Act had changed. Atty. Myers stated there were changes to the Open Meetings Act, such as anytime there is a public meeting, the public is allowed to address the board. The public is subject to the rules the board sets in place. Myers stated he put together an ordinance to be voted on at the next board meeting outlining a set of rules governing public participation.

Trustee Pottier stated he would be attending a conference in Washington. Pottier noted he would be meeting with Congressman to discuss projects including Safe Routes to School and improvements to the Village's water/sewer mains. Costs of the projects were discussed. Supt. Lyons will provide the information.

Trustee Faires requested an executive session regarding personnel.

Trustee Rader discussed two delinquent customers. The first customer has several health problems but no medical letter from a doctor stating why the utilities should not be disconnected. The board recommended the customer provide a medical letter. The second customer did not pay the February utility bill because they were approved by LIHEAP. The office explained LIHEAP payments could take up to a month and stated the customer would receive a late fee. The customer argued about receiving a late fee and was abusive to the office staff. The board recommended disconnection if the bill was not paid by the disconnect date. Trustee Rader requested an executive session regarding personnel.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to purchase fish to restock the the pond at Veterans Memorial Park. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Charles and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Charles noted he would be meeting with Supt. Lyons regarding inventory.

The Board went into closed session at 8:33 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 into open session at 9:30p.m. with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second by Trustee Faires.

Trustee Faires made a motion to accept corrections to the vacation and holiday time balances that was negotiated between the public safety committee and the union. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Charles, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Rader made a motion to rescind his previous motion suggesting the Village oil changes be done at Brahler. Oil changes will continue to be done at Precision Collision with the exception of the electric/dump trucks which will be done in-house.. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Charles, Pottier, Faires, Bartley and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. All agreed.

_____ Mayor _____ Date
_____ Clerk