

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on March 1, 2010 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Todd; Clerk Graves; Trustees: Charles, Rader, Faires, 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 and Deb Behrens.

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

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to inquire how much the Village paid for the old Firehouse. Off. Mgr. Viola stated a little over \$20,000. Willoughby asked Viola the remaining balance to which she replied around \$30,000. In an effort to be more prepared, Mayor Todd requested that Willoughby notify the Village office ahead of time with specific questions. Willoughby questioned if a program was set up to oil/ditch the streets. Trustee Bartley stated the priority was 3rd Street before the overlay project started. Bartley noted there would be a street committee meeting in the near future to discuss oil and chipping. Willoughby asked Trustee Pottier if he was a member of the IMEA board, whether he attended meetings and if he was compensated for it. Trustee Pottier stated he attends all meetings and receives no compensation.

Deb Behrens and Barb Jagodzinski came before the board on behalf of the Riverton AfterProm. Behrens stated the junior classmates are responsible for hosting the prom. Junior parents are responsible for raising money for AfterProm. AfterProm is from midnight until 4 or 5 am they provide anti-drug, anti-alcohol activities at the high school for the kids. Behrens stated it requires a lot of money to be raised. It requires \$12,000 to provide AfterProm for the kids; to date, they've raised \$8,500. Behrens stated they were at the point they needed to ask for donations and asked if the Village had extra monies for such a cause. Off. Mgr. Viola stated the Village donated \$200 last year. Treasurer Laffey stated there was \$800 in the fund. Trustee Pottier stated he was in favor of increasing the amount of the donation. Trustee Faires stated he was very much in favor of the AfterProm and the kids having a safe environment therefore he would also like to see the amount of the donation increased. Trustee Faires made a motion to donate \$500 out of the corporate fund for the purpose of AfterProm at Riverton High School. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Rader, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Behrens thanked the board and invited everyone to visit.

Supt. Stone stated very little was happening at the water plant. After last meeting, Rick Vice called and received estimates on replacing the double doors instead of the single door and they were higher by \$500. Trustee Pottier made a motion to pay low bidder Siciliano an amount not to exceed \$5,364.00 for single door installation at the water plant. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Rader, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Supt. Stone stated he received a change order regarding raising the roof that was actually a cost saving measure. Trustee Faires made a motion to accept the change order on the roof project at the water plant. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Rader, Charles, Faires, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Supt. Stone stated there was no change with the Lucky Horseshoe Lift Station except the automatic windows for the building came in.

Trustee Bartley stated the 3rd Street Overlay project has been sent out for bids. Bid opening is scheduled for March 15th at 9 am. The bid to accept will be voted on at the March 15th meeting. Trustee Rader stated he approved the purchase of two plates of steel for valve replacements.

Trustee Faires made a motion to accept Ordinance #10-004, the Intergovernmental agreement with the Sangamon County Tactical Response Team. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Rader, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Pottier made a motion to approve Ordinance #10-005 relating to economic incentives and amending Chapter 50G of the Village of Riverton Code of Ordinances. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Pottier, Rader, Charles, Raycraft, Bartley and Faires voted yes.

Supt. Stone gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Stone stated everything on his report had been discussed earlier in the board meeting. 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 stated the State supplies an \$1100 liquor commission tobacco enforcement grant to conduct compliance checks on all retail tobacco vendors. Smith asked the board if they wanted to reapply. Trustee Faires made a motion to reapply for the grant from the Illinois Liquor Commissioner to conduct compliance checks. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Rader, Charles, Raycraft, Faires and Bartley voted yes. Smith then stated the current grant was written for retail vendors only and asked if the board wanted to extend the grant to include certain establishments with cigarette vending machines. Trustee Faires agreed with Chief Smith in stating he was not comfortable sending an underage juvenile into a drinking establishment. Trustee Faires stated it should go to the Public Safety Committee. Chief Smith stated the deadline for the grant was March 15th. The consensus of the board was to conduct checks on retail establishments only. Chief Smith informed the board he received a notice asking for participation in the "National Click It or Ticket" campaign from May 14th through May 31st. Smith asked for the board's opinion. The consensus of the board was to participate. Trustee Pottier brought up safe texting and suggested looking into a program to get the word out to Riverton's youth. Trustee Faires commented on concerns with Riverton drinking establishments being in violation of code #110.08 regarding blinds and curtains on front windows. Trustee Faires suggested contacting the individual establishments to inform them of the violation. Chief Smith will send a reminder letter to all liquor license holders of the ordinance.

Off. Mgr. Viola received a fax from Martin Engineering regarding engineering services for core drills on Powell and Allen Drive. Trustee Bartley stated he approved it. Viola asked for board approval to send Mary Jo Nation to a LOCIS training seminar on March 18th for utility billing. The closest seminar is in Forsyth, Illinois. The registration fee is \$125.00. Trustee Pottier made a motion to send Mary Jo Nation to the LOCIS training seminar and reimburse her for mileage. It

was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Rader, Faires, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Off. Mgr. Viola stated she'd been going through old accounts which have been turned over to agencies for collection. Viola gave the board a list of old accounts that need to be wrote off the books due to bankruptcies, death, and other various reasons. The ordinance will be prepared for the March 15th meeting. Viola stated the majority of accounts were renters that had moved. She also stated if a customer moves back into Riverton they are responsible for paying off the old account before they can have a new one.

Treasurer Laffey reminded everyone he needed to get together with each department to go over their budgets for the next fiscal year.

Trustee Pottier discussed a resident on Blackburn Street. Trustee Rader stated he spoke with Off. Mgr. Viola and the issue was already taken care of. Trustee Pottier discussed IMEA and the APPA (American Public Power Association) rally in Washington he attended. Trustee Pottier stated he spoke with Aaron Schock's assistant regarding Riverton's water system. The representative asked Trustee Pottier for a written request to see if anything could be done to help out. Trustee Pottier mentioned he received a new batch of \$1 off light bulb coupons for the utility office to hand out. Pottier discussed grants for the football field/softball diamond lighting. Pottier stated he needed information on the current lighting. Trustee Rader stated the girls softball diamond had 1500 Watt quartz lighting installed in 1980. Pottier stated he would also need the number of fixtures.

Trustee Faires stated the Public Safety committee held a meeting on February 24th with the Riverton School superintendent regarding the school resource officer. The school is in a budget crunch, as is the Village. Grants are being looked into in an effort to save the position. The school resource officer will remain at the school through the end of the school year. The grant will be available in May. Trustee Faires stated he finally received feedback from Chevrolet regarding the squad cars. Chevrolet filed the Village's claim as unsatisfied. The committee decided to no longer purchase cars from Chevrolet.

Regarding the write offs, Trustee Rader stated the homeowner should be responsible for their renters. Off. Mgr. Viola stated an acquaintance with property in Springfield is responsible when their renters leave an unpaid bill.

Trustee Raycraft stated she received the contract for the pavilion. The ordinance to approve construction of the building will be on the agenda for the March 15th board meeting.

Trustee Rader suggested the electric usage for the carnival at Riverfest be metered this year. Mayor Todd noted he's been asked several times who's on the Riverfest committee or how to get on the committee. Trustee Bartley stated Riverfest was its own entity with its own board. Terry Mitro is the treasurer. Tim Raycraft is the president. Anyone with questions or comments regarding Riverfest is encouraged to contact president, Tim Raycraft.

Trustee Bartley noted there would be a street committee meeting on March 15th at 6 pm regarding the street budget; 3rd Street overlay bid, oil/chip and Riviera subdivision. Bartley stated the engineer was in Riviera subdivision checking on 2-3 problem areas. Trustee Bartley noted last year rock salt was \$1.30 a ton, this year it was 90 cents. The Village can get in on state bid for 58 cents. Trustee Bartley made a motion to submit an application to CMS for 150 tons of rock salt for next year. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Pottier, Rader, Faires, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Charles updated the board on the Red Cross. The application is 98% done.

The Board went into closed session at 8:31 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Pottier 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 possible litigation and personnel issues.

The board went back into open session at 9:33 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second by Trustee Faires.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. All agreed.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk