

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on June 21, 2010 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Those answering roll call: Clerk Graves; Trustees: Charles, Rader, Raycraft, Faires and Bartley with Trustee Pottier serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Todd was absent. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Laffey, Atty. Myers and Chief Smith. Office Manager Viola was absent.

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

People on the agenda included Jacqueline Grimes who was not present. Trustee Bartley stated he believed the issue was due to something that was taken out of context at the last meeting and the issue been referred to the parks committee.

No update was given on the water plant other than to note they were still waiting on material.

Rick Vice mentioned there was a meeting scheduled Tuesday regarding the Lucky Horseshoe Lift Station. Trustee Rader stated the project would be starting up in the next two weeks.

Trustee Bartley stated he received a fax from Larry Hoffman with Martin Engineering, however the numbers on the change order didn't add up. Bartley will meet with Mr. Hoffman to go over numbers. The 3rd St. overlay project should be finalized as of next meeting. Trustee Bartley stated the final walk through went well; the drop-offs in the drives had nothing to do with the project. Bartley noted there were 3 homeowners that had issues where the new road had raised just high enough to leave a drop off on their drives. The drop-offs will be addressed by the Village Street Committee. Trustee Rader asked if they were responsible for all the re-stripping. Bartley noted they were responsible for the re-stripping on 3rd St. itself and where the new overlay went in, but where they went out into the intersections or other streets they're not responsible for re-stripping on those. The re-stripping in those areas will be addressed by the Village Street Committee. Trustee Pottier mentioned he has been hearing a lot of positive comments about the 3rd St. Project and noted that the school board meeting minutes that were recorded also mentioned thanks for the good work.

Trustee Pottier noted there would be a Zoning Board Meeting on July 8th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss disbanding the zoning board and the restructuring on the zoning process thereafter.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to pass Ordinance #10-020 establishing a prevailing wage at the Village of Riverton. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Rader made a motion to pass Ordinance #10-021 approving salaries for the fiscal year. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Trustee Bartley noted the actual salary increase would not go into effect until 7/1/2010 and was for non union employees only.

Trustee Faires made a motion to pass Ordinance #10-022 approving a use agreement for city owned facilities with the City of Springfield. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Chief Smith explained the ordinance was to give them the authority to use the Springfield Police Academy firing range and other facilities.

The Board went into closed session at 7:15 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second from Trustee Raycraft. 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 7:34 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second by Trustee Raycraft.

Trustee Pottier recognized County Board Rep. Jim Good, Fire Chief Louie Rogers, and Clearlake Township Supervisor Dennis Wieland. Each was invited to the podium.

Jim Good stated the Village did a good job on 3rd Street. Good mentioned a month ago when the rumors were flying around town about the early retirement and Chuck Stone leaving, he sat down with Alex Lyons and told him it might be a great opportunity for the Township and the Village to get together. Good stated he did not see revenue streams getting better and believes it's going to be another rough year for villages, counties, cities and states to make ends meet with lack of revenue coming in. Good told Lyons it might be a great opportunity to talk to the Village and work out some type of arrangement that would help the Village lower its costs, help the township lower its costs and maybe work together. Good stated a week ago, Alex came to him and said there might be an opportunity, that he was going to talk to the Village board about the possibility of fulfilling the superintendent's duties at the Village. Good stated he and Alex were friends, they'd been friends for a lot of years, they worked together through a lot of different things such as youth baseball, JFL, the fire district, and the Township. Good stated Alex Lyons works harder than any individual in this area as far as dedicating himself to doing what's best for the district, the township and for this community. Lyons works tirelessly; he's worked tirelessly for years at the ballpark, he dedicated himself to

the JFL program and youth baseball for many years. These are things we do not get paid or reimbursed for. These are things we do because it's best for the community and we want to provide good programs for our youth and also for the people in our area. Good congratulated the board on making this move because he thinks it's a very good move. Good stated he knew there would be doubters out there, but Alex has always done what is best for the people of the community. When there were tornados in Williamsville, Alex was there, he was the first person on the phone calling people for help. Alex doesn't get paid to do this stuff, Alex gets paid to do his road supervisor job for the Township, he doesn't get paid extra to fill sandbags in Holiday Estates or go to Williamsville or do all these things he does. He does it because he knows it's what's best for our area. Good stated the board was making a great decision; to give Alex Lyons their support because he thinks he'll do a great job for the Village and the Township. He'll save the Village money; he'll save the Township money.

Dennis Wieland stated that when Alex Lyons approached him with the idea, he was very apprehensive. Wieland didn't know if it was going to burn Alex out, but after talking with him he set his mind at ease. Wieland thinks it's a good move for the Village and for the Township, especially for the Village because the Township already has him. Wieland stated he knows what Alex can do, he took to the road commissioner job within a year, had things all in order and ready to go. Wieland stated he didn't think the board would ever find a more honest or straight forward guy than Alex; he tells you like it is, and if you don't like it, that's too bad. Wieland stated he hadn't known Alex that long, about ten years, but at the Township they're very close. There are three of them that actually put together everything that goes on at the Township, and of course they have a super nice board that goes along with them, and Wieland hopes the Village board will work with Alex the same way that the Township has worked with him.

Louie Rogers stated 5 years ago he had an opportunity to enter into a venture with the fire department in cooperation with both Jim Good and Alex Lyons. Rogers stated from an administrative point of view, Alex has an extreme amount of knowledge when it comes to personnel issues. Rogers stated he was very familiar with how Alex works and he thinks the Village and its employees will be very happy with how he manages and how he works with people. Rogers noted that it didn't matter what time of day or night it was, if you needed Alex, he'd be there for you. Rogers stated he didn't think the Village would find a person who would give them more for their dollar than what Alex was going to give them. Rogers believes the Village employees are really going to appreciate Alex for what he would bring to the table, and that this was one of the most positive things to happen to the Village of Riverton in the last several years.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to pass Ordinance #10-023 relating to the superintendent of public works amending section 38.001. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Trustee Pottier noted the superintendent of public works will not work less than 20 hours per week, and not more than 30 hours per week, but may set his or her own hours depending on the needs of the Village. The salary of the superintendent of public works shall be established from time

to time by separate ordinance.

Trustee Rader made a motion to pass Ordinance #10-024 establishing the salary of the superintendent of public works. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. The initial salary of the superintendent of public works through April 30, 1011 shall be \$40,000 per annum.

Trustee Pottier, as Mayor Pro Tem, announced the selection of superintendent was a unanimous decision amongst the mayor and six trustees and would like to appoint Alex Lyons as the Village of Riverton Superintendent of Public Works effective 7/1/2010.

Alex Lyons stated he did not know the speakers on his behalf were going to be there, that he was very humbled, and needed to invite them to do his eulogy. Alex stated he was in total shock and awe, was very glad, very happy to be working with the village. Alex stated he could be counted on; the village would get their monies worth out of him. Alex stated he appreciated everyone on the board and thanked them all very much.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve the appointment of Alex Lyons as superintendent of public works. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Pottier addressed a few questions that were asked of him by the media. 1.) Where and how long was the position advertised? Pottier stated the position was not advertised. The opportunity presented itself before the board had the chance to advertise. Pottier noted they did look into an internal person for the position, however the outside person with the qualifications he has, they decided to go that direction. 2.) Who was interviewed? Pottier stated the board felt this person presented enough skills that they did not have to interview other individuals. 3.) Chuck's ending numbers. Pottier stated he would need to find out the exact numbers. The salary of the new superintendent is listed in the ordinance that was just passed as \$40,000.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Chief Smith discussed the Cops SOS grant they were going to apply for in regards to the SRO program in the schools. He stated he spoke with the grant advisor; the grant for the program this is year is not for a salaried position, it's just for equipment. Trustee Bartley mentioned recent complaints about a certain property as far as rodents inside the building. Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve \$125 for a Public Health Inspection at the Finrock Property. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Trustee Pottier stated there was going to be progress on the property next to Dollar General regarding the tall grass and vehicles. Trustee Faires noted the Mayor received a liquor complaint about intoxicated individuals carrying around open beer. Currently the Village does not have an ordinance prohibiting open liquor in public or public drunkenness. The issue was referred to the Administrative Committee.

Treasurer Laffey stated the appropriation ordinance would be ready for the next board meeting to be voted on. Laffey announced that on July 6th, at 6:45 p.m. he would be holding a public hearing to collect comments about the appropriation ordinance that will be available in the Village office for anyone to review. Laffey stated he spoke with the paper about putting an announcement in.

Trustee Rader made a motion to approve the bid for \$17,000 for sand and rock filter cleaning of the sewer lagoon. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Rader made a motion to approve repairs to the Vac. Truck in the amount of \$2284.20. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Rader made a motion to approve a generator inspection for the generator at the main lift station in the amount of \$1267.75. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Faires made a motion to accept the bid on 2 boxes of Clark's Mosquito Control in the amount of \$1289.20. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Charles noted that during heavy rains, rain is coming in the west door of the library. He will be meeting with the employees to determine how to remedy the situation.

Trustee Raycraft noted there would be a Parks Committee Meeting on June 28th at 6 p.m. An ordinance regarding the new maintenance agreement for the basketball courts will be on the next agenda. Raycraft mentioned the weather is still hindering the start of the concession stand.

The Board went into closed session at 8:07 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second from Trustee Raycraft. This meeting is closed pursuant to Chapter 102, paragraph 42, of the Illinois Revised Statutes of the Open Meeting Act regarding personnel and collective bargaining issues.

The board went back into open session at 8:58 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Faires and a second by Trustee Rader.

Trustee Bartley noted Thursday OEM would be conducting a radio drill at the firehouse from 12:30-3:00.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to hire two full time personnel to be determined after consulting with the union. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Rader, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier.
All agreed.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk