

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on August 2, 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: Rader, Raycraft, Bartley, Pottier, Faires, and Charles. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Laffey, Off. Mgr. Viola, Chief Smith and Supt. Alex Lyons. Atty. Myers was absent. Guests included: Tim Raycraft, Brenda Kelly, Jack Derry, Anita Bauswell and Viki Risley.

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

Tim Raycraft came before the board to discuss Riverfest. Raycraft had a few items he wanted to discuss. He mentioned volleyball tournaments, with time constraints; he did not believe the one volleyball pit would be enough, he asked permission to set two volleyball nets up in the outfield of the softball diamond. The liquor license and boundaries were discussed. The softball area would be another area where alcohol sales would be permitted, only during the volleyball tournament. There will be no alcohol allowed back and forth over the bridge. Wristbands will still be required for alcohol sales. Raycraft asked if the tavern owners could possibly get a vendors permit to sell mixed drinks. Trustee Bartley stated the individual establishments would need to apply for a special use permit, separate from Riverfest. Off. Mgr. Viola stated she would need copies of their insurance if so. Mayor Todd asked if it was a good idea to have hard liquor at Riverfest. The issue will be referred to the Parks Committee and discussed with Atty. John Myers. The Riverfest parade route was also discussed. The parade will be re-routed, beginning at the high school and ending at the high school. The board agreed they were okay with the re-routing provided it was well advertised to the community.

Brenda Kelly, president of the library board, presented her annual report to the village board. Mayor Todd asked about computer donations. Nancy Kocis would be the person to assess the need.

Jack Derry stated he recently moved from Dawson to Riverton and is a renter. He came before the board to ask that his utility deposit be waived. Derry stated he pays his bills in full and on time. He presented to the board his utility history. Mayor Todd stated the Village has an ordinance which applies to all renters and requires them to pay a deposit. The ordinance includes everybody; it does not get waived for anybody. The Village

follows the ordinances, that is the reason they were established. Mr. Derry stated a homeowner could not pay their bill just like a renter. It was noted that homeowners do not pay a deposit if they can provide a good letter of credit from another utility provider. It was also noted that with homeowners, a lien can be placed on their property. Off. Mgr. Viola stated a lot of time renters move out without notifying the village, without paying for the bill, the deposit helps to recoup some of the losses. Mr. Derry stated the Village would not have that problem with him and asked the board to waive the deposit. He stated if the board said no, then he would have to accept it. He stated he would take his protest in another form such as obtaining a sign and marching in front of the Village Hall. Mr. Derry also mentioned he would tell everyone about the Village ordinance, that it was not reasonable, not fair, flies in the face of common sense and that it's draconian in every sense of the word.

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to discuss the zoning board. Willoughby asked Mayor Todd if he expected the entire zoning board to resign. Todd replied yes, that he asked every member to resign and that all had complied so far except Mr. Willoughby and Mr. Sloper. Willoughby stated he did not understand why. Mayor Todd stated he was looking for a fresh start. Willoughby stated he was not going to resign. Mayor Todd had something prepared because Willoughby had already told several people that he was not going to resign. Mayor Todd stated effective immediately Ralph Willoughby was to be removed from his office of the Riverton Zoning Board and Plan Commission. The immediate cause for removal was due to his intemperate remarks at the public hearing to the effect the Village Board intended to disband the Zoning Board in order to pave the way for Section 8 Housing in the Village. Not only is this remark completely untrue, but it potentially subjects the Village to liability under federal law. Also, it brings both the Village Board and Zoning Board in disrepute and most importantly it casts doubt on Willoughby's ability to ever consider zoning matters in a fair and impartial manner. Todd stated that his decision tonight was to remove Mr. Willoughby from the zoning board. Mr. Willoughby asked for a copy of the letter from Mayor Todd. Mayor Todd stated the board could over ride his decision by a 2/3 vote.

Anita Bauswell came before the board as Wolf Den Leader of the 2nd graders. As a service project she proposed the 2nd graders could repair the sign at Center Park and get it ready for Riverfest so it will look nice. August 21st is the date set for the project. Bauswell stated they would need a couple gallons of paint. The sign was going to be repainted in orange and blue. Off. Mgr. Viola asked if someone wanted to make a monetary donation, who the check would be made out to. Trustee Raycraft stated checks should be made out to Pack 46. A few monetary donations were then collected for the project. Trustee Faires made a motion to donate \$60.60 to facilitate the improvements to the sign at Center Park. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Charles, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Viki Risely, homeowner of the house at 3rd and Madison that burnt, came before the board to ask permission to block off a portion of Madison during the demolition. The demolition is scheduled for Wednesday morning and will last between 6-10 hours. All

agreed. An e-alert would be sent out to the public and Supt. Lyons would provide the detour signs.

Supt. Alex Lyons stated Petersburg Plumbing & Heating had been working everyday on the install. The filter tank was installed, as well as baffles on the filter unit itself. The two main pumps were installed. A lot of progress is being made at the water plant.

Lyons stated the Lucky Horseshoe Lift Station bypass was complete. Petersburg Plumbing and Heating and B & B Electric are working on the demolition of the building and wrecking out the pipes. Lyons mentioned there was an issue with the building and a bid they received over 6 months ago. Since then building prices have went up, Lyons asked the board if he needed to go back out for bids. The original bid was awarded to Butch Leka. Trustee Bartley suggested Supt. Lyons get a change order from the builder and present it at the next meeting.

Trustee Bartley stated he was not able to meet with the engineer regarding the 3rd St. Overlay project; however they were working on the ditches in Spaulding. The Spaulding project must be complete before he knows the final amount left over. Bartley stated that hopefully, this project could be finalized and off the agenda in the next few weeks.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to pass Ordinance #10-029 reorganizing and reconstituting the Plan Commission and Zoning Board. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Charles, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Mayor Todd stated the Administrative Committee held interviews the previous week and had five candidates. The board chose to hire for only one full time position, stating two full time positions were not needed at this point. If in the fall, they do need to hire another person, they will do so at that time. Trustee Pottier made a motion to hire Chris Beattie to a full time position effective immediately. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Rader, Faires, Pottier, Charles, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

The IMUA Mutual Aid agreement will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Supt. Lyons gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Lyons stated the capacitor and racks were ordered and are 6-8 weeks out. The power outage on 3rd and Riviera was temporarily fixed. Lyons stated after talking with Village lineman and Trustee Rader they decided to obtain quotes on boring a new cable in. Three bids were received, the cheapest was \$3500. Trustee Rader stated there had been 6 breaks in the line, to explain why a new one needed to be put in. Trustee Rader made a motion to approve the bore job in the amount of \$3,500.00. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Charles, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Supt. Lyons stated he spoke with Tom Kulavic of IDOT regarding two trees on Lincoln St. (one by the middle school and the other at 7th & Lincoln) that will be taken down at no cost to the village. Lyons stated cold patch, possibly 50 ton, was needed for Riverton Road. The cost is \$67 per ton. Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve cold patch for Riverton

Road. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Charles, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Lyons stated Washington St. would be addressed by the end of the week. They would start with regrading and cleaning it up to see what they had to work with. Washington St. is scheduled for oil and chip, possibly mid- September. It was noted the gas department installed the main to the Field of Dreams. Lyons stated the odorant and gas detector need recalibrated. The recalibration is done annually at a cost of \$250 each. Trustee Pottier made a motion to approve the odorant and gas detector be recalibrated for a total of \$500.00. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Charles, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Trustee Faires thanked Supt. Lyons for the good work on the parking lot at Field of Dreams.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Trustee Faires noted that Tim Shane requested drug and alcohol recognition training as required by the gas department. Trustee Faires recommended Officer Lawley and Chief Smith provide the training to all departments. Community service was discussed. Trustee Bartley stated he was in favor of receiving free labor. Projects could include painting, cleaning up the parks, washing vehicles, cleaning the records room, etc.

Off. Mgr. Viola stated she will soon have copies of the audit for all trustees.

Treasurer Laffey stated the Village's total funds were back up to 1.7 million. Laffey stated he met with Off. Mgr. Viola to discuss a few issues. The state is 5 months behind in payments to the Village. If you compare this year to last year, the Village is \$102,000 below what was received in payments last year. Off. Mgr. Viola stated that even though the Village's income was 1.7 million, most of the money is restricted. \$645,000 is in bond money, \$103,000 is for park development. Laffey mentioned a separate fund for the ERI program. He noted Village employees were working so much overtime, they weren't really seeing any savings. Laffey mentioned he would contact INB in regards to transferring interest to a higher yielding fund.

Trustee Pottier stated he was given coupons from the IMEA that would be mailed along with utility bills next month. The coupons offer \$3 off compact florescent lighting.

Trustee Rader stated the electric department was in need of replacement parts and transformers in the amount of \$12,386. Trustee Faires made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement parts and transformers. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Charles, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes. Trustee Rader noted at the corner of 3rd and Jefferson was a three way dead end pole that needed replaced. Rader stated USC quoted a price of \$4000. It would be done in one day, with several crews. Rader stated the Village lineman were a little 'undermanned' to do the job themselves. It was more than a 2 man crew could handle. Mayor Todd suggested bringing in more manpower from the union. Rader stated the Village still did not have the equipment to do the job. Mayor Todd asked if the job was necessary at this time. Trustee Rader stated its needed done for the past 6 months. Trustee Faires made a motion to approve the bid from USC. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Faires,

Pottier, Charles, Rader, Raycraft and Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Raycraft spoke to the school regarding the circus being held at the high school practice field and the answer was no. Trustee Bartley stated he would check with the Eagle's Club about their five acres where the fireworks were held. Raycraft stated the tennis courts looked good as far as weed control, it was a wonderful improvement, however the fence still needs painted.

Trustee Charles spoke to Supt. Lyons about the library door leaking when it rains. The door was caulked. Shingles were delivered to Garage 1. Tuck pointing on the old firehouse and repainting will be done as soon as grass season slows down.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. All agreed.

_____ Mayor _____ Date

_____ Clerk