

## MINUTES

### RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on September 20, 2010 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Todd, Clerk Graves; Trustees: Rader, Raycraft, Pottier, Faires, and Bartley. Trustee Charles was absent. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Laffey, Off. Mgr. Viola, Chief Smith and Supt. Alex Lyons. Atty Myers arrived at 7:05 p.m. Guests included: George Walsh.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve E.L. Pruitt Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$271,566.90. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve E.L. Pruitt Pay Estimate #6 in the amount of \$36,382.50. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

Trustee Faires asked why there were two bills for the same project. Trustee Bartley explained the bill was mixed in with other paperwork sent in by E.L. Pruitt and should have been approved at a previous board meeting. E.L. Pruitt called to ask about the payment and the bill was found. Off. Mgr. Viola stated the bill was sent in with their certified payroll, however it had not been sent to the engineer for approval. Bartley noted the bill went to the engineer and they received an approved bill along with pay estimate #6. Trustee Faires noted the current balance on the water plant improvement project was \$120,000.00.

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

George Walsh came before the board to discuss a misread on his utility bill. He received a low reading covering the months of December-January which caused his bill to be very low; however, the following month when the read was read correctly it caused his bill to be extremely high. Mr. Walsh explained his financial situation and his inability to pay such a high utility bill. Mr. Walsh also stated he received an insufficient funds charge and asked for forgiveness on the fee. The board discussed Mr. Walsh's options and decided it would be in his best interest to put him on the level pay plan. In regards to the insufficient funds fee, Mayor Todd stated the Village has no control over the bank and the fee would need to be paid. Trustee Faires made a motion to allow (a one time incident)

of waiving the requirement of a \$0 balance in July for Mr. Walsh to be put on the level pay program. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

Supt. Lyons gave the update on the water plant stating the piping was 100% complete. The electrical portion was still being worked on and they were proceeding forward.

Supt. Lyons gave the update on the Lucky Horseshoe lift station stating the floor was finished, the siding was complete, the roof was complete, the louvers were in and the walls were up. The only items needed to finish are the garage door, the electric inside and the painting inside.

Trustee Bartley stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Overlay project was complete. It will be on the agenda at the next board meeting for final payment. Trustee Pottier asked if there were funds left in the project to which Bartley stated 'no.' Bartley noted the final dollar figure would most likely be \$2000.00 over and the funds would come out of the motor fuel account. Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #2 to PH Broughton for \$36,207.03. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

Treasurer Laffey noted the last pay increase for the president and board of trustees was in the year 1995. Laffey performed calculations and according to inflation the rate increase should be higher than his actual proposal. Laffey also conducted a survey and according to the survey the average pay for Mayor is \$604 and \$230 for trustees. An ordinance regarding salary increases will be put on the agenda for the next board meeting. Mayor Todd noted the pay increase would only affect the re-elected trustees. Atty. Myers noted the increase would be \$25.00 per meeting. Trustee Rader stated that with the economy the way it is, he couldn't agree with an increase. Trustee Pottier stated that 15 years was a long time to go without a salary increase. The mayor's salary being doubled was discussed. Laffey stated his opinion of the salary increase was due to him seeing the amount of work everyone puts out each week being on call to the Village and is much deserved. Trustee Faires stated he did not disagree with the logic because it has been 15 years but would like to see the current economic situation become more stable before it is brought to a vote.

Under 'New Business' was presented a truck purchase on state bid; a Ford F550 Regular Chassis 4 x 4 equipped with a 10 ft. snow plow and salt spreader for a total cost of \$61,239.00. Bartley noted \$15,000 was budgeted in streets, sewer, water & gas to pay for the truck. In addition, the village dump truck would be put out for sealed bid and would be applied to the truck purchase with the remaining balance being paid out of the four funds. Trustee Pottier asked how the ordinance came to be on the agenda wanting to make sure it was legal. Trustee Bartley stated he forgot to have the ordinance put on the agenda, however, Atty. Myers noted an ordinance wasn't even necessary because it is a state bid. Myers noted they did not need to waive bids because it was a state bid. Myers also noted under the Open Meetings act, if the ordinance is not on the agenda, and the

board passed the ordinance, there is a 60 day period in which a disgruntled taxpayer can sue to overthrow the ordinance. Trustee Pottier asked if the ordinance needed to be passed immediately. It was noted the truck purchase was necessary to be available by snow season. Off. Mgr. Viola asked if the truck can be ordered before the ordinance was passed. Trustee Bartley stated the reason he asked for the ordinance was because the purchase price was greater than a normal expenditure. Trustee Pottier asked what the likelihood of someone suing the Village to void the ordinance was. Trustee Rader asked what the chances of someone winning if so. Atty. Myers stated 100%. Trustee Bartley noted that if the ordinance was voided it would just need to be put back on the agenda at the next meeting. Discussion of the truck being needed before snow season was discussed. Trustee Bartley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #10-031 approving purchase of a Ford F550 with a 10 ft. snow plow and salt spreader. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Faires, Pottier, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes.

Supt. Lyons gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Lyons stated the electric department had been working at Riverfest as well as trimming trees and general maintenance. Lyons noted Washington St. was milled, regraded and rolled. The final grade and oil & chip will be the first week of October. Gas department had a final audit done and everything was good. Update on Field of Dreams: the wall are up, the post holes are dug and the concrete and trusses are ready to be set. They are looking for volunteers. The president of Pepsi has a deal for the scoreboard for free. Work will begin on obtaining a scoreboard for soccer. Trustee Pottier commented he enjoyed working with the crew at Field of Dreams and challenged other boards to get involved stating it was very fulfilling work. The old chairs were removed from the hall, Garage 1 was painted by an individual in need of community service hours. Lyons noted a closed session was required for personnel.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). An ordinance violation regarding a swimming pool on Madison was discussed. Trustee Pottier suggested sending an officer at night. Chief Smith stated they received a letter. It was determined if there was no response within two days to proceed with Atty. Myers. Smith noted there was a complaint of an alcohol retailer serving alcohol to intoxicated individuals, he would send out an informative letter to retailers as a warning. Trustee Faires discussed an advisory committee being formed to determine duplication of services. Trustee Bartley stated he was not in favor of a metro police force. Trustee Faires is also not in favor. It was noted the people of Riverton want their own police dept.

Treasurer Laffey stated the audit was in and he would evaluate. Trustee Faires asked about a certain line item that was stricken from the budget for ammo. Laffey stated if he was given a line item, it would have been included in the budget. Smith noted he gave the information to Trustee Faires. Faires was under the impression he submitted for the ammo budget but Laffey stated he could not have received the information from Trustee Faires or it would have been added.

Trustee Pottier discussed safety in the village with Trustee Faires. Trustee Faires noted

municipalities are under OSHA. OSHA received a 1.5 million grant to hire more inspectors and their emphasis is on municipalities. Trustee Faires suggested a self audit. Trustee Pottier stated a safety committee should be formed of 2-3 employees, Supt. Lyons and at least one trustee. Trustee Faires stated he was willing to donate his time to do a safety audit and be on the committee. Trustee Pottier noted he toured the prairie state energy campus located in southern Illinois; a plant IMEA is a partner in. Pottier stated he received an email earlier in the day from IMEA notifying him that Ameren UE was granted their 11% rate increase. He believed the decision the board made two years ago on who would supply the Village's electricity was the right decision for the Village.

Trustee Faires stated he attended the school board meeting last week. The school board approved unanimously to support the SRO position for the budget year for \$22,000, which will be made in two payments of \$11,000 each.

Trustee Rader stated Riverfest used the ball diamond lights for the carnival and the lights had been on for 8 days 24 hours a day. Rader noted a reading was taken, and when the carnival clears out another reading will be taken to determine the total cost of their electric usage.

Trustee Raycraft stated the light situation was addressed with the carnival. Passing along the cost to the carnival was discussed. The issue was deferred to the parks committee. Trustee Pottier asked about the ruts left in the ball field and if the carnival was responsible for repairs. Trustee Raycraft stated the ruts would be taken care of. Raycraft noted that Supt. Lyons met with Pepsi regarding a scoreboard. The scoreboard was free, it would just need to be painted. A scoreboard for soccer was discussed. Raycraft spoke with Coach Toland and he stated he would be more than happy to give his opinion on the scoreboard. Raycraft thanked Supt. Lyons and all Village employees for their help at Riverfest. Trustee Pottier thanked the parks committee chair for taking an active role in Riverfest and thanked the Riverfest committee for doing a fantastic job. Treasurer Laffey and Riverbottom Rejects were mentioned as well for all their help.

Trustee Bartley stated the cost for milling Washington St. was \$4,800.00 by a company that was already in town. If the company had not already been in town, the cost would've been \$7,800.00. Bartley noted the milling did a lot for improving the road and it was ready for oil and chip. Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve the bill of \$4,800.00 for the milling of Washington St. It was seconded by Trustee Rader. Trustees Pottier, Faires, Bartley, Raycraft and Rader voted yes. Bartley also noted the oil and chip project were about to begin and a list of the scheduled roads will be published in the paper.

The Board went into closed session at 8:22 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 back into open session at 8:31 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Bartley and a second by Trustee Faires.

