

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND  
BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2009

**PRESIDING:** President Lauri Olson

President Olson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm at the Richmond Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive.

**ROLL CALL:** President Olson; Trustees: Jeanne Doyle, Charlotte Hollenbach, David Kielpinski, Pete Koenig, Karla Thomas

**PRESENT:** President Olson; Trustees: Jeanne Doyle, Charlotte Hollenbach, David Kielpinski, Pete Koenig, Karla Thomas

**ABSENT:** Trustee Dennis Bardy

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Village Administrator, Tim Savage; Chief John Fryksdale; Village Attorney, David McArdle; Village Clerk, Vanessa Everett

Minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed and amended. Trustee Koenig moved to approve amended minutes. Seconded by Trustee Kielpinski and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Rhonda Anderson, representing the interfaith organization, "Faith in Action", which is located in Crystal Lake, offered the organization's services to the senior citizens of Richmond. Additional information can be found at [www.fiamchenrycounty.org](http://www.fiamchenrycounty.org), or, 815.455.3120.

Cindy Skrukud, representing Hack-ma-tack National Wildlife Refuge (HNWR), presented materials detailing a possible bi-state wildlife refuge between McHenry (Illinois) and Walworth (Wisconsin) counties. Proposal ideas include a bike path that runs from Richmond to Lake Geneva with an emphasis on abundant natural resources that will equate to economic assets for the Village. Trustee Kielpinski queried the developmental restrictions that would impact the Village. Ms. Skrukud referenced 65 ILCS 5/711 Ch. 24 § 711, as an indicator that the Village would not be restricted in development. Additional issues to this proposal include the wildlife refuge impact on the Route 12 By-Pass. The HNWR will keep the Village informed of developments, as they occur. Additional information can be found at [www.hackmatacknwr.org](http://www.hackmatacknwr.org).

Officer Bellino received the Life-Saving Award Pin, from President Olson, for his actions in administering CPR to Village Resident, Craig Deering, this past September.

Bill Shimuk, owner of 10102 Main Street, indicated his concern over the proposed house move located at 10104 Main Street. Specific issues regarding the relocation of the house include: the financial underwriting to see the project through from start to finish, grading and watershed issues, mechanical logistics of moving said property, safety issues, adhering to timelines, and what penalties are in place for non-performance. Mr. Shimuk also noted his disappointment with the appearance of the many unkempt and boarded up vintage properties along Main Street.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion was regarding the following Smith Engineering Authorizations to Proceed: Nippersink Mussel Study, Septage Receiving Station, and the Waste Water Treatment Phosphorous Removal System. These projects have been budgeted into the Capital Improvement Program.

*Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Koenig, to approve the Smith Authorizations Projects for the Nippersink Mussel Study, Septage Receiving Station, and the Waste Water Treatment Phosphorous Removal System. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, Thomas. Nays: None. Absent: Bardy. Motion approved.*

A discussion was held to waive the formal bidding process for the dewaterization of the East Street sewer lining, and award the contract to Contract Dewatering Services, Inc. (CDS), in the amount of \$56,900.00, upon the recommendation of Smith Engineering representative, Ed Coggin. CDS's bid was the most complete bid, and they have the most qualifications to perform the project. All work will be in accordance with the design plan furnished by SEC Group.

*Trustee Kielpinski moved, seconded by Hollenbach, to waive the formal bidding process, and award the contract, for the East Street sewer line dewaterization, to Contract Dewatering Services, Inc., in the amount of \$56,900.00. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, Thomas. Nays: None. Absent: Bardy. Motion approved.*

Agenda item C., "Rescind action on William Smith Plat of Subdivision" has been tabled to a future board meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the house relocation at 10104 Main Street. The issues raised include: cost of utility companies to move lines; the realization of having to split the house in two, i.e., separate the first floor from the second floor, and move the house in two stages; re-assembly of house at new location; the subsequent integrity of the structure after the move; the requirement of a structural engineer inspection of the house after it is reassembled; the foundation at the new location will not be dug until the house is relocated, due to constraints of the relocation lot; additional \$1,000,000.00 insurance coverage requirement for move from owner Hasselburg; traffic flow management along Route 12 (Main Street); watershed issues; completing the project in a timely fashion-in addition to weather constraints. The current permit is now not relevant due to the significant change in the mechanics of the house relocation. The original development agreement will be void November 7, 2009, if an extension of permit is not given by the Board. Mr. Eldredge voiced his desire to have the new permit to reflect a six-month time frame to fully complete the relocation project. There currently is no security, within the current agreement, for non-performance, or not completing the project within the time specified. Mr. Eldredge is confident that the project can be completed within two-three weeks, given weather cooperation.

*Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Kielpinski, to suspend the existing expiration date of the development contract for the real property located at 10104 Main Street until November 20, 2009,*

*conditioned upon the house not being moved within this period, upon which Msrs. Eldredge and Hasselburg will provide an amended agreement, for consideration, to the Village at the November 19, 2009 Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doyle, Kielinski, Koenig, Thomas. Nays: Hollenbach. Absent: Bardy. Motion approved.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Trustee Hollenbach moved, seconded by Koenig, to approve Warrant 201007, monthly bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielinski, Koenig, Thomas. Nays: None. Absent: Bardy. Motion approved.*

*Trustee Koenig moved, seconded by Hollenbach, to approve Resolution 2009-DA11 from Series A bond expenditure. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielinski, Koenig, Thomas. Nays: None. Absent: Bardy. Motion approved.*

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** A discussion was held regarding a possible tax abatement program to draw new businesses into the Village.

Specific issues raised include: request for tax abatement made before construction commences; an application fee for tax abatement program in the \$100-\$750 range; reporting requirement regarding the status of the project; environmental hazards compliance; only owners of property qualify for tax abatement program; formal application process should include a project timetable, ideally 24 months.

It was determined that the township assessor will be responsible for establishing the value of the improved property and a formal notice of the tax abatement authorization would need to be filed with the County.

The general consensus, of the program, is favorable among the Board and will be further discussed as an "Enterprise Zone" project in future Finance Committee meetings. Additionally, all Board members will canvas other taxing bodies to gauge how this or similar programs are implemented in their communities.

**ENGINEER'S ACTIVITY REPORT: NONE**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Met with Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) to discuss DUI dispositions on past Richmond cases, whose original DUI charges have been reduced induced in court.

RPD participated in Operation "Lights on Route 12"(from Arlington Heights to Elkhorn, Wi), sponsored by the Illinois State Police, which actively addressed and enforced DUI, Speeding, Seat Belts, Improper Lane Usage, and Following Too Closely.

A child pornography arrest of a Spring Grove resident took place in early October. The alleged offender posted the 10% requirement of a \$150,000 bond. Forensic analysis of images and videos were taken from the arrestee's home and work computers by Richmond Investigators, Officers Scheel and Hewett, in collaboration with Homeland Security and ICE Immigration and Customs.

Richmond Citizens Police Academy (CPA) participated in the annual Trail of History at Glacial Park. Eight hundred volunteer hours are currently logged by the CPA.

Richmond Police Department will be holding visible patrols during the upcoming holiday season including Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and the Superbowl.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Route 12 street striping is delayed due to the unusually wet fall season. Leaf pick-up has been delayed by the inclement weather, but Veolia will continue leaf pick-up until the project is completed. The recently purchased Ford F-450 has been outfitted with a new salt spreader hopper; the Village has received its first shipment of salt; a floor tile replacement project has commenced in the Police Department; the shared Building Inspector for Spring Grove has resigned-the Village is in negotiation to share the City of Woodstock's building inspector; the Village has been awarded the 2008 Safety Award from the Illinois Municipal League for no insurance claims.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** President Olson extended her congratulations to Trustee Doyle for reaching her 15 year anniversary of Doyle's Pub.

**TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS:** Trustee Doyle expressed her support and congratulations for Richmond-Burton High School reaching the quarter finals; RBHS will play Coal City, at home, Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 2pm.

Trustee Koenig indicated the consensus of the resounding success of the 2009 Cruise Nights season; the new location at Dog & Suds/Heuer's contributes to the current success.

Trustee Hollenbach queried the progress of the Hunt Club Golf course. Administrator Savage indicated there will be a partial demolition of the existing house, to make way for new construction improvements.

**CLOSED SESSION: NONE**

With no further business, Trustee Doyle moved, seconded by Kielpinski, to adjourn the November 5, 2009 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Vanessa Everett

Village Clerk