

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
PUBLIC FORUM
WASTE WATER TREATMENT FINANCES
June 30, 2009

PRESIDING: President Lauri Olson

President Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Memorial Hall.

ROLL CALL: President Lauri Olson; Trustees Dennis Bardy, Jeanne Doyle, David Kielpinski, Peter Koenig and Karla Thomas.

ABSENT: Charlotte Hollenbach

OTHERS PRESENT: David McArdle, Tim Hartnett, Ed Coggin, Tim Savage

President Olson introduced Trustee Koenig, who in turn, gave a presentation on the history of the waste water treatment plant, its development, and funding issues.

Trustee Bardy presented projected possible revenue sources and a twenty year funding plan.

Highlights include:

- Treatment plant built in the 1920s on golf course; declared obsolete by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the mid 1990s
- New treatment facility began construction in 2006; The 1997 construction cost was projected at \$3-\$4 million; this cost was originally to be subsidized by the developer of Prairie Hill, but developer has defaulted on agreement.
- Actual construction cost of facility grew to \$8.5 million, due to change in pumping route, imposed by environmental groups and inflation
- Alternative funding sources include a receiving station for waste-haulers, to process their load, at an estimated cost of 05.5 cents per gallon
- Residential surcharge of \$15/per quarter is proposed to begin in FY2010; \$20/per quarter FY2011; \$25/per quarter 2012; \$30/per quarter 2013

Residents' concerns included possible defaulting of payment by waste-haulers, and an exponential increase in quarterly fees.

The five year plan will be reviewed by the Board and Finance Committee, yearly.

Complete copies of the presentation were offered to the public.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Bardy, and seconded by Trustee Koenig. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm

Vanessa Everett
Village Clerk