

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2007

PRESIDING: President Lauri Olson

PRESENT: Trustees Dennis Bardy, Charlotte Hollenbach, Bruce Hunter, David Kielpinski, Peter Koenig, Cindy Walleck

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Tim Savage, Attorney David McArdle, Engineer Ed Coggin

Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: President Olson and Trustees Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck were present.

MINUTES: Koenig moved to approve the minutes of the September 20th regular meeting. Seconded by Hunter and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Libby Pearson, Auntie Libby's Cottage, Main Street, informed the Board that as of October 17, most of the stores on Main Street will be staying open till 7 p.m. until Christmas. She asked if the holiday decorations could be put up during the first week of November. Savage recommended that someone from the Business organization be named as decoration coordinator to find out if any other businesses wish to participate.

Roy Wulffen, 5803 Broadway and former Trustee asked about the design of the new strip mall at Main and May Ave. It was his understanding that the building was to be designed to look like an old train depot and he didn't feel the structure was the same as the one approved by the prior board. Savage assured him that the drawing is consistent with the last drawing that was approved by the board and that the look may change when the details are added.

Wulffen also asked about the configuration of turn lanes on Route 12 at that location. Savage said there will be a left turn lane in place before the business opens and that the goal is to get the base in prior to IDOT's overlay of Route 12.

It was confirmed that leaf vacuuming is included in the new waste disposal contract. There is also a dumpster located at Village Hall which is reserved for clippings and other yard waste. Residents may bring their leaves, clippings etc in paper kraft bags or loose. No branches or plastic will be accepted. As in the past, residents can put out twigs and branches which will be picked up by Public Works.

Howard Katzenberg, representing the Richmond American Legion, gave credit to the President, Administrator, Board, Police and Fire Departments for the effort they put forward for the funeral of Corporal Nuremburg. Despite the criticism heard, the legion thinks they did a wonderful job. Next, he updated the Board on the new American Legion memorial proposed for Stevens Park. The Garden Club and Boy Scouts will be working with them, their engineer and architect. Plans will be presented to Trustee Hunter for Board approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Platting regulation request. Savage presented a request from Kay and Walter Thomas, 4715 Kuhn Road, to waive the platting requirements pursuant to Village Code Chapter 32.04(c) to allow for the platting of a single 5 acre lot. Savage stated that the request meets all criteria and he recommended waiving the standard platting requirements to allow the project to go forward as presented. Hunter moved to waive the platting requirements for the referenced property on Kuhn Road. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

b. Halloween hours: Hunter moved to allow trick or treat hours to remain the same as last year. Seconded by Walleck and passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. A zoning petition before the County ZBA was presented and discussed. The petitioners are requesting rezoning from A-1 to E-2 on a parcel located on Barnard Mill Road. Savage recommended opposing the zoning in the absence of a pre-annexation agreement with the Village. The Board did not object to the requested zoning but was in agreement with Savage regarding the pre-annexation agreement. Attorney for the petitioners, Donald Stinespring, was present and rather than have a letter of opposition on file he will make arrangements to explore a pre-annexation agreement and will provide something in writing to the Village prior to the County hearing on October 10th.

d. Savage presented Resolution R2007-10, whereby the Village agrees to accept responsibility as Lead Agency for the Phase One Engineering for the Richmond Bypass. He explained that there are no identifiable hard costs but the project will require staff time. Kielpinski moved to approve Resolution R2007-10. Seconded by Hollenbach and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

e. An addendum to the engineering contract for pond restoration and demolition of the existing WWTP will be modified to decrease the full time observation as originally requested to part time. The addendum was tabled to the end of the meeting to allow the engineer to make the adjustment.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Finance. Hunter presented Warrant 2008-6. Included in the warrant is the invoice for purchase of a bucket truck. Hunter pointed out which line items will absorb the \$22,000 expense. Kielpinski moved to approve payment of Warrant 2008-6 in the amount of \$203,129.01, which includes manual checks. Seconded by Koenig and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

b. Public Works – the engineering report was reviewed with no discussion

c. Police – No report

d. EDC-Trustee Kielpinski distributed the first issue of the McHenry County Living Magazine in which the Village has an ad. The next EDC meeting will discuss updating the brochure.

e. Architectural – No report

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS: President Olson stated that she has heard the concerns about the Village participation, or lack of, in the military funeral last month. She informed the Trustees that the Village’s main concern was the possibility of protesters and she outlined the steps the Village took to insure the safety of the funeral participants. The Village also assisted with coordination and participated in the funeral procession.

ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS: Savage presented follow up information about the Prospect & Prairie Ridge landscaping (he has met with the owner and is expecting progress within the next 2 weeks); the George & West Street swimming pool excavation (owners have requested an extension of the building permit which will be granted if a fence is installed – McArdle recommended taking the

owners to court if the fence is not installed or the hole filled); debris and car parts at 10105 Main Street (13 citations have been issued and the Village may have to obtain a court order to clean up the property); Route 12 resurfacing (intersection widening at Rt. 12 and Tyron Grove will begin in the spring of 2008, overlay work begins this week and is expected to continue to mid November). The final report on the Richmond Bypass Feasibility is available in hard copy and disk format and may be checked out at the Village office. Information has been compiled from the annual State sales tax report and was distributed for informational purposes. Information on a calendar sale fund raiser for Corporal Nuremburg will be passed on to the Richmond Business Partners in case they wish to participate.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Hollenbach asked where the “Welcome to Richmond” banners are stored. Savage will follow up with Public Works. Christmas decorating was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS (a) Engineering contract addendum was presented as amended. Addendum #1 in the amount of \$10,392.94, increases the total amount of the contract to \$93,712.94. Kielpinski moved to approve addendum #1 in the amount of \$10,392.94. Seconded by Bardy and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION: Bardy moved to go into closed for pending litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)) and review and approval of closed minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)). Seconded by Koenig and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. 7:45 p.m.

Board came out of closed session at 9:05. Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig, Walleck and Olson were present for roll call. No action was taken.

President Olson reminded the Trustees that there will be a Special Board meeting of Tuesday, October 16 at 6 p.m.. The regular October 18th meeting has been cancelled.

There was no further business. Kielpinski moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bardy and passed by unanimous voice vote. 9:07 p.m.

Kathleen Hellmann, Village Clerk