

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 6, 2007

**PRESIDING:** President Lauri Olson

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Dennis Bardy

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

**ROLL CALL:** President Olson and Trustees Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck were present. Trustee Bardy was absent from the meeting.

**MINUTES:** Kielpinski moved to approve the minutes of the August 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Seconded by Koenig and passed by majority voice vote with Hunter abstaining.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Mike Grenning, Chairman of the Richmond Township Plan Commission, introduced Plan Commissioners Vida Krug, John Seiler, Randy Karls and Audit Beeson. The Commission was established in March of this year and Grenning said that the members were currently establishing a base of policies, strategies and procedures. They will be looking at an overview of the existing community plans within the Township in an effort to support the desired growth and work with the communities. President Olson suggested they get involved in the County's 2030 planning process and Savage recommended they approach the Conservation District regarding their anticipated acquisitions within the Township. Trustee Kielpinski, Chairman of EDC said there may be times the EDC could interact with the Township Plan Commission and Grenning stated that they will keep the lines of communication open.

b. Randy Stow, planning consultant working on the update of the Nippersink Watershed Plan for the McHenry County Soil and Water Conservation District gave a presentation and overview of the planning activities that have gone on to date and discussed future plans. The first official plan was very general and there is a need to update the 10 year old document with prioritized specific projects and reference to available grant programs and other funding sources. One goal is to encourage municipalities to look at specific identified areas and to adopt some of the standards recommended to protect the watershed in a balanced manner. He encouraged Conservation Design and cautioned the Board to make sure all supporting ordinances were in harmony. More information, maps and reports are available on their website, [www.nippersink.org](http://www.nippersink.org).

c. Savage presented a request from Gerstad Builders for a reduction in their letter of credit for Pheasant Ridge Subdivision from \$75,328.80 to \$35,040.00. Having a recommendation from Smith Engineering to grant the reduction Koenig moved to grant a reduction of the letter of credit for

Gerstad Builders for Pheasant Ridge Subdivision from \$75,328.80 to \$35,040.00. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed with Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Bardy was absent.

d. Ordinance 2007-13, Increasing the Street & Bridge Fund Levy, was presented. This ordinance increases the amount of the Street & Bridge tax from .06% to .10%. Kielpinski moved to pass Ordinance 2007-13. Seconded by Hollenbach and passed with Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Bardy was absent.

e. Savage presented Resolution R2007-9, a resolution determining the amount of money estimated to be necessary to be raised for taxation for 2008. Savage recommended \$600,000 as the estimated amount. Hunter moved to pass Resolution R2007-9 with \$600,000 as the estimated amount needed. Seconded by Koenig and passed with Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Bardy was absent.

f. Annual Audit was tabled to the next meeting.

g. Waste hauling contract. Savage presented the bid tabulations compiled from four submittals to the RFP with the recommendation that a three year contract be awarded to Veolia Environmental of Fort Atkinson, WI. Their monthly fee of \$16.59 for weekly collection and seasonal leaf vacuuming was the lowest bid submitted. Additionally they will provide a dumpster for yard waste which homeowners can drop off at no cost. The dumpster will be located either on Village property or in Bloomfield Township. According to George DeVries, General Manager of Veolia, a one item bulk pick once/week is included in the fee. Savage recommended the Board go with option 1 which is an every other week recycle pick up for an additional savings which lowers the monthly bill to \$14.14. A larger recycle container will be provided with this option. An addition benefit to option 1 would be less impact on the roads and less hydrocarbons in the air. DeVries stated that if a customer encountered an occasional overabundance of recycling it could be put in a clear plastic bag next to the container. Savage informed the Board that he checked into Veolia's references and they were satisfactory. One leaf pick up can be moved from the fall to spring to accommodate spring clean ups. Hunter moved to award the contract for village wide waste hauling from 10-1-07 to 9-31-10 to Veolia Environmental subject to the terms of the proposal submitted and choosing option 1. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed with Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Bardy was absent.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Finance-Hunter informed the Board that the committee met with the auditors and the representatives from Veolia. Warrant 2008-5 was presented. Hunter moved to approve payment of bills listed in the amount of \$61,436.59, which includes manual checks. Seconded by Walleck and passed with Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Bardy was absent.

b. Public Works-Coggin presented the engineering activity report. According to Savage, Stone Oak Crossing (Hunter Country Club) is still considering building on two individual existing lots that do not require subdivision. Regarding the WWTP, he also added that 100% of the flow is now being received by the new plant with the final connection being made last week. Coggin stated that SEC is in the process of finalizing a contract with successful bidder for demolition of the old plant. Demolition access will be on Golf and out May Ave. The new plant has been operating very efficiently from start up. When questioned about the higher electric cost needed to run the new plant, Coggin stated that this is an extended aeration plant which reduces the concentration in the water to a much lower level but at the same time requires more energy to accomplish this. Coggin also cautioned that the new plant will be producing more sludge than the old plant and this will cost more in the way of hauling expenses. It was suggested that bids be let for this hauling. Savage pointed out that when the plant was designed the engineering firm was given directives to create a bare bones plant due to uncertain funding and there was no provision for sludge storage until phase 2 which will increase the capacity. According to Coggin there is a 10 month storage volume available. A reed bed would be a good sludge treatment application and alternative to hauling and a priority will be looking

into having the reed bed installed by next spring. This is a very low tech system whereby the reeds reduce volume by 90% which in turn reduces the need to haul to every 8-10 years or so. The ideal reed for this application turns out to be somewhat invasive for this region, which the environmental people do not favor. There is however the possibility of cutting twice a year to prevent seeding and other alternative species are being investigated.

c. Police-Chief Fryksdale updated the Trustees on Department training. He is still looking for candidates for the Citizens Police Academy and reminded everyone to drive safely with the opening of school.

d. EDC-Trustee Kielpinski announced a meeting will be held next week.

e. Architectural – No report

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:** None

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** None

Koenig moved to go into closed for pending litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)) and personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). Seconded by Kielpinski and passed with Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes. Bardy was absent. 8:10 p.m.

Board came out of closed session at 9:15. Olson, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck were present for roll call. Bardy was absent.

There was no further business. Hunter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Koenig and passed by unanimous voice vote. 9:15 p.m.

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Kathleen Hellmann, Village Clerk