

Village of Richmond

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Village President Peter Koenig called the January 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:03 PM, 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Village President Peter Koenig; Trustees: Dennis Bardy, Scott Drabant, Charlotte Hollenbach, David Kielpinski, Craig Kunz and Ramsin Wardanian.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Cetrangolo, Village Clerk Karla L. Thomas, Village Attorney Regan Shepley.

Minutes from the January 2, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Trustee Drabant asked that the following statement be added under Trustee Comments, 4th paragraph, after the 1st sentence "Heat lamps or box were possible solutions for the problem."

Trustee Drabant moved, seconded by Trustee Kielpinski approved the January 2, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes as amended. ROLL CALL: AYES: BARDY, DRABANT, HOLLENBACH, KIELPINSKI, and KUNZ. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: WARDANIAN. ABSENT: NONE. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Koenig announced that YMCA Camp Duncan was requested to hold their annual Tag Day on Saturday, May 31, 2014 and Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the intersections of Rte. 12 & 173 and Broadway (confirmed). After some discussion, the Board approved the June 7, 2014 Tag Day at the intersection of Rte. 12 & 173 only. The May 31, 2014 was denied due to the Tough Mudder event occurring the same day. Additionally, the Board felt that without a light at Broadway the intersection would be unsafe for traffic solicitation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gary Tiritilli (10907 Partridge Trail) wishes the Board a Happy New Year.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: Trustee Bardy reported that the committee reviewed the bills. Trustee Bardy then presented Warrant# FY 2013/14.09.02 in the amount of \$57,422.78 for approval.

Trustee Bardy moved, seconded by Trustee Hollenbach to approve Warrant# FY 2013/14.09.02 in the amount of \$57,422.78 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: BARDY, DRABANT, HOLLENBACH, KIELPINSKI, KUNZ, and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Hollenbach reported that the Committee met to discuss the EDC Budget for FY 2014-2015. Trustee Kielpinski mentioned that he represents the Village on the Board of McHenry County Visitor Bureau (MCVB). He stated that each Board member hosts a meeting and he will be hosting the May 19th meeting at 3:30 PM downtown at Memorial Hall. Trustee Kielpinski distributed letters to all the Board members listing all the marketing and promoting they do for the County and the Village of Richmond. He reported that MCVB worked hard to get Tough Mudder, a 10+ mile obstacle course challenge and its sister event Mudderella scheduled for May. These two events are estimated to bring 16,000 participants and 4,000 spectators which in turn should have an economic impact on our Village.

POLICE: Police Chief Cetrangolo reported that the McHenry County Police Chiefs have been preparing a traffic control plan for the Tough Mudder event scheduled the weekend of May 10-11, 2014 at the Richmond Hunt Club. It was noted that the Hunt Club is located in County's jurisdiction.

ENGINEERING: Due to the absence of Engr. Murphy, President Koenig reported that there had been a water main break at the intersection of Rte. 12 and W. South Street. The Clerk reported that the May Lift station was back up and running, pump repairs were required.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Koenig reported that he and Trustee Bardy met with representative from Bernardi Securities regarding their firm's preliminary proposal as a "Plan B" for payment of the IEPA Loan. The Finance Committee will review what was proposed at its next meeting.

President Koenig also reported that Senator Pam Althoff is still working with the IEPA to help us with loan restructuring. She should have an answer for the Village in approximately 3-months.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Kiepinski noted that the new website was up and running.

Trustee Drabant asked for an updated regarding the Health Department issues and Attorney Shepley presented the Board with a letter from Attorney Brad Stewart. President Koenig stated that he and the Mayors Caucus will keep on top of the matter. Trustee Drabant then asked Attorney Shepley if a township resident wished to annex into the Village whether a Letter of Intent could be signed. It was determined that if any property owner no annexed into the Village wishes to annex into the Village they should complete a Petition for Annexation. Trustee Drabant stated that he had not forgotten that he had tabled the discussion regarding Trustee salaries and would recall the matter once the Village had a clearly view of its financial responsibilities. Trustee Drabant brought back up the subject of the review of the Municipal Code, he suggested that the entire Board review a chapter at the 1st Board meeting of each month and at the 2nd meeting approve the ordinance for amendment. No final decision resulted from discussion. Trustee Drabant also brought back up the subject of safety issues on W. Broadway regarding Valet Parking and the possibility of lease or designating parking spaces to the businesses downtown. The Board agreed about the safety issues and President Koenig stated that the Police Department has been working hard to keep on top of the problem; however most of the Board and President Koenig were opposed to leasing or designating parking spaces to business owners.

Trustee Bardy asked if art students at RBCHS could participate in the Richmond Fine Arts Festival by reserving one booth. Trustee Kiepinski stated that each student would be required to apply and pay the non-refundable fee and submit examples of their work to be juried before being permitted to participate in the event. If the June 2014 event is successful the CDC would consider having a children/young adult section in the future.

Trustee Kiepinski reported that he had already received one compliant about the Richmond Fine Arts Festival pertaining to the loss of parking due to the event; however, the event was established to help bring people to our community and generate revenue for the local businesses.

With no further business, Trustee Kiepinski moved to adjourn the January 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Kunz. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk