

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 4, 2010
MINUTES

PRESIDING: President Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Richmond Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive.

ROLL CALL: President Olson; Trustees Dennis Bardy, Jeanne Doyle, Charlotte Hollenbach, David Kielpinski, Pete Koenig, and Karla Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village Administrator, Tim Savage; Police Chief John Fryksdale; representing Smith Engineering, Ed Coggin.

ABSENT: NONE

Minutes from the February 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kielpinski moved to approve the minutes of the February 4 2010 board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Bardy and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Olson announced a Welcome Home Parade, in association with the Warrior Watch Riders, for SPC Andrew Ernst, US Army, on March 5th, beginning at 4:30pm at Richmond Township Fire Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Richmond Township Resident, Mark Godonis, state his opposition to the red light camera, which will be installed at the corner of IL 31 & US Rt 12; his concerns include the unintended consequences of trucks to by-passing the camera by travelling North Solon Road, instead, and the potential for loss of business.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held regarding the Value Discount Flooring appeal for a sign variance at the corner of Rt.12 & IL 31. Owner, Tony Vaos, presented his case with photographic evidence of other signs throughout the Village, that are significantly larger than the current ordinance.

An additional discussion included the enforcement of the current sign ordinance in place, which addresses, window signs and vinyl banners. The Community Development Committee will address non-compliant signage, throughout the Village, in the future.

Trustee Doyle moved, seconded by Koenig, to approve the sign variance appeal request for Value Discount Flooring. Ayes: Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, Thomas. Nays: Bardy. Motion approved 5-1.

Item 7b., Memorial Hall Door Replacement, is tabled to the next Board Meeting; the Finance Committee will review Memorial Hall's Restoration Fund, and make a recommendation to the Board.

A discussion was held regarding the abandoned property at 10518 Main Street, and a pending resolution to condemn said property pursuant to *Richmond Municipal Code 12§08, Unfit Dwellings*.

Trustee Koenig moved, seconded by Kielpinski, to approve Resolution 2010-03, the condemnation of 10518 Main Street. Ayes: Bardy, Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, Thomas. Nays: None. Motion approved, unanimously.

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Item 7d., Water bill adjustment for Doyle's Pub, will be moved to the next Finance Committee meeting.

FINANCE REPORT: The Finance Committee budget meetings have been held every Tuesday at 4pm. Currently, the Committee is halfway through the budget process and should be completed by April.

The monthly Warrant was reviewed.

Trustee Bardy moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas to approve Warrant 2010-11, Monthly bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bardy, Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, and Thomas. Nays: None. Motion approved.

A discussion was held for the Richmond Police Department Salary Schedule.

Trustee Bardy moved, seconded by Trustee Hollenbach to approve Richmond Police Department Salary Schedule. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bardy, Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, and Thomas. Nays: None. Motion approved.

A discussion was held, regarding a five year copier lease, for the Village.

Trustee Bardy moved, seconded by Trustee Kielpinski, to approve the new copier lease agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bardy, Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, and Thomas. Nays: None. Motion approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Trustee Bardy inquired after the progress of the Smith Estate and Reed Bed project; Construction of the reed bed project is scheduled to commence in the Spring. Currently, sludge storage is at half capacity; there is 6-8 months of storage space left; a yearly sludge permit is approximately \$2,500.00. Septage receiving has continued at the waste water treatment plant, for a limited number of haulers; the system is demonstrating that it's capable of treating the 5,000 gallon per day loading rate. Construction of the new septage receiving station is under review, and is planned to be completed this Spring.

POLICE REPORT: Class 5, of Citizen's Police Academy continues March 9; there are 15 Rookies scheduled to attend; the class runs through April 27. The Eldridge/Hasselberg house move was completed February 28. The home owner was billed \$750.00 for 24.5 hours of traffic safety assistance. The Police Commission will be hosting an entrance exam for Police Officer on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NONE

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Olson indicated that the Food Pantry Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. The fund raiser brought in \$1860.00 for the pantry.

TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS: Trustee Bardy stated his participation in the Spaghetti Dinner and noted the success.

Trustee Koenig announced Cruise Nights will commence Memorial Day weekend, and run through to Labor Day weekend.

Trustee Kielpinski indicated that he and Trustee Koenig met with Nippersink School District #2, and presented the tax abatement program. District 2 is receptive to the idea and will agree to a three year intergovernmental agreement that will be drafted by Administrator Savage.

Trustee Kielpinski inquired after annexation with the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD). President Olson indicated that the Village can annex, however, Administrator Savage indicated that there is not currently an agreement in place with MCCD

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

With no further business, Trustee Koenig moved to adjourn, seconded by Kielpinski.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bardy, Doyle, Hollenbach, Kielpinski, Koenig, and Thomas. Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Vanessa Everett
Village Clerk