

Village of Richmond

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-AMENDED-

Village President Peter Koenig called the August 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:02 PM, 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

Everyone in attendance rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Public Works Supervisor Bill Price and Village Engineer Sean Murphy

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Village Clerk Karla L. Thomas, and Village Attorney David McArdle.

Minutes from the July 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Wardanian moved, seconded by Trustee Drabant to approve the July 16, 2015 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote, Trustee Bardy abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Koenig announced that the Board was invited to the plaquing of the William & Elizabeth McConnell Homestead located at 6114 Broadway on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 1:30 PM by the McHenry County Historical Society's Historic Sites Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board reviewed and discussed the following items on the Task List and Informational Only List: Tornado Siren, Weed concerns, the punch list from the PW Supervisor (including concerns regarding street signs, railing and two light posts on west Broadway), the Insurance Waiver and the IEPA loan. President Koenig reported that he had attended a meeting in Springfield with Senator Pam Althoff and Lisa Bonnett Director of the EPA. He reported that the Federal EPA had made recent changes to loan restructuring guidelines that would permit State EPA units more flexibility in loan modifications. He also reported that the Village will be receiving a memo from the IEPA meeting and once received a copy will be provided to the entire Board. This memo could then be sent with a letter to all Federal and State representatives requesting assistance with the restructuring of the Village's current IEPA loan.

The Board reviewed the revised Memorial Hall Civil Theatre Building Use Contract. Three changes were requested by the Board: wording pertaining to the liquor liability coverage and the sound system charge changed to read audio/visual charge, as well as an increase in the charge from \$10/day to \$25/day. Attorney McArdle will make the necessary changes.

Trustee Wardanian moved, seconded by Trustee Kunz to approve the modified Memorial Hall Civic Theatre Building Use Contract with the amendments. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: BARDY, DRABANT, KUNZ, NELSON and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gary Tiritilli asked if there have been any response from the letter sent to EMS regarding the arborvitae that needed to be installed as part of the submitted landscape plan. President Koenig stated that he would contact the owner to discuss the issue. Additionally, a copy of the letter sent by President Koenig will be provided to the entire Board.

NEW BUSINESS: President Koenig announced that he would like to appoint Lauri Olson to fill the vacant Trustee position that would expire April 30, 2017 and appoint Terry Fulmer to fill the vacant Plan Commission seat that would expire on April 30, 2017. He reported that he would like to place Lauri Olson on the Community Development Committee to fill the vacancy.

Trustee Kunz moved, seconded by Trustee Bardy to accept the appointments of Lauri Olson as Trustee and Terry Fulmer as Plan Commissioner until April 30, 2017, as well as, placing Lauri Olson on the Community Development Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: BARDY, DRABANT, KUNZ, NELSON and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk administered the oaths of office to both Lauri Olson and Terry Fulmer.

President Koenig reported that Richmond Illinois Citizen Police Academy would like to use Memorial Hall to host a garage sale that would benefit the Richmond Police Department K-9 unit. They were asking for waiver of the use fee and insurance coverage, as obtaining the insurance coverage was cost prohibitive. The garage sale would take place on September 25 & 26 from 9 am to 3 pm.

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Trustee Drabant moved, seconded by Trustee Wardanian to approve the waiver of fees and insurance subject to the Village Clerk confirming insurance coverage by the Village for such an event. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: BARDY, DRABANT, KUNZ, NELSON, OLSON and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. Motion carried.

Trustee Drabant asked that the review and approval of changes to the UDO Chapter 6, Signs be tabled as he was not prepared to present the information.

Trustee Drabant distributed a copy of the Illinois Compiled Statute regarding the Illinois Air Rifle Act. He asked to table the review and approval of changes to Chapter 14, Offenses against Public Peace, Safety and Morals so that the Board could review the Act. Trustee Drabant asked to table the matter until the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed options regarding the abandoned house located at 10104 Main Street. It was noted that the Village already has an order for demolition in place. Attorney McArdle pointed out that the Village would be responsible for the costs to demolish the property; however, the Village could then lien the property and when it was sold it would recoup the expense. An estimate to demolish the property in questions would be at least \$30,000.00. Chief Centrangelo reported that there were two other abandoned properties in the Village that residents have voiced concerns about and asked the Board to consider demolition of all the properties. Trustee Bardy requested that the matter be re-directed to the Finance Committee to discuss budgeting for the expenses.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: Trustee Bardy reported that the Finance committee met and reviewed bills and briefly discussed IEPA loan options.

Trustee Bardy moved, seconded by Trustee Kunz to approve Warrant#2015/2016.04.01 in the amount of \$59,939.83 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: BARDY, DRABANT, KUNZ, NELSON, OLSON and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Drabant reported that the committee is continuing to work on the Welcome Signs. He reported that he had met with an architect regarding repairs for Memorial Hall and distributed an architectural proposal. It was suggested that the work be completed in three phases. Trustee Drabant reported that he was still working on purchasing a projector for use at Memorial Hall, Joyce McArdle will continue to assist the Village with Economic Development on a project-to-project basis at a reduce hourly fee, and the Location One website was being updated by volunteer Debbie Tiritilli. Trustee Drabant thanked the Police Chief for addressing the list of sign violation he had provided to him. He noted that he had another sign that needed to be addressed and would forward the information to him via email. The committee discussed charging \$20-\$25 to crafters that would participate during the Richmond/Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce Fall Wine Walk. The window signs for Kiddy Korner were discussed. Trustee Nelson reported that originally he was told he did not require a permit and was recently was told by the Deputy Clerk that since a sign permit was not applied for he was required to pay double the permit fee for violation of the code. President Koenig stated that although a variance was not required he still needed to apply for a permit. President Koenig asked that the Board to waive the fine. Trustee Drabant asked legal counsel what the Village needed to do to annex the property located at the intersection of Route 31/12/Tryon Grove Rd. The Village Clerk noted that the property in question is already annexed into the Village.

AD HOC LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE: Trustee Drabant reported that he had applied for a CMAP grant pertaining to the Village's Comprehensive Plan and that the Village would know by October whether they would be receiving the grant. He reported that the Boundary Agreement between the Village of Richmond and the Village of Ringwood would be expiring next year and asked Attorney McArdle if he would review the agreement. Attorney McArdle stated that the Map is the most important part of the document and should be prepared indicating where the boundary line would fall. Additionally, Trustee Drabant reported that he had spoken to two farms owners that are interested in annexing into the Village (a total of 220 acres) and Mr. Wonderlic was interested in possibly annexing 500 acres. Attorney McArdle cautioned entering into pre-annexation/annexation agreement without first know what the owner's intent for the property would be in the future.

POLICE: The Chief thanked everyone that attended and assisted with make the 1st National Night Out event a success. He also distributed the July monthly report.

ENGINEERING: None.

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PUBLIC WORKS: None.

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas reported that IDOT is expected to begin resurfacing work on Route 173 from Wilmot Road to Greenwood Road in August and anticipates completion in October. She also reported that the water/sewer bills went out in the mail today.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Koenig reported that the Village of Spring Grove has waived school impact fees for one year for developers, as the schools are seeing a decrease in enrollment. He suggested that the Board consider doing the same. The Board asked to be provided with the amount of school impact fees before make a final decision.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Kunz asked why the memo and documents for the Cable Franchise Agreement were at his seat. The Village Clerk stated that she had not placed the information on the podium. It was noted that the Board had asked Attorney Michael Smoron who was present at the last Board meeting to provide the Board with a copy of the City of Harvard's recently approved Cable Franchise Agreement. The Clerk was asked that the matter be placed on the next Board agenda for consideration.

Trustee Drabant asked that the entire Board be provided with the monthly Septic Receiving Report and that the Board may want to increase rates.

Trustee Drabant questioned why the Finance Clerk took vacation when she was not eligible for vacation until she was with the Village for one year. The Village Clerk said the Finance Committee authorized overtime/comp. time. President Koenig reported that the Finance Clerk had requested to take two weeks off for prior commitments without pay.

With no further business, Trustee Wardanian moved to adjourn the August 6, 2015 regular Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Olson. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk