

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 8, 2009  
(rescheduled January 1<sup>st</sup> meeting)

**PRESIDING:** President Lauri Olson

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

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

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

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

**MINUTES:** Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 regular meeting, December 11, 2008 special meeting and the January 5, 2009 special meeting. Seconded by Bardy and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** a. A letter of resignation were received from EDC member Charlie Mormino, citing his increased business activities and lack of time. Next, Chief Fryksdale introduced Sergeant Ty Culver of the McHenry County Conservation District Police. Sgt Culver presented a plaque to the Richmond Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association on behalf of the Conservation District for their volunteer help at the annual Trail of History. Cindy Walleck introduced the members who were present and added that the association has donated over 300 volunteer hours to the Village and community since June, 2008. She thanked them for their time and dedication.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** a. Ordinance 2009-1, Amending Village Code Chapter 1, General Provisions, providing that when permits are sought by petitioners the Village has the right to collect any debts owed by the petitioner, was presented by Savage. Hunter moved to pass Ordinance 2009-1. Seconded by Hollenbach and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

b. Savage introduced Mr. Bill Schupple, Cornerstone Inc. Mr Schupple has come across opportunities to partner with the Village to apply for a federal grant from the Department of Energy for solar lighting for street lights. Mr Schupple explained that light fixtures/solar panels have been proven in warmer climate but this grant would provide an opportunity to test them out in the Midwest. Com Ed will be more than happy to change out the poles if necessary (taking out the lights). Light bulbs will need to be changed by a licensed electrician. Current statistics indicate the life of these LED bulbs is 10 times the life of mercury lights. Several options will be available with Com Edison and they will be the back up supplier of power as needed. Batteries have not been exposed to extreme cold and may not function. The solar panel and battery cost \$1,800 per unit and the battery is rated for 25 years. Part of the study will be to meter the power supplied by the units and the amount required from Com Ed. The battery will fully charge for 3 hours and provide output for up to 3 days. Schupple recommended that the Village participation be in man hours, to install and or monitor the equipment. Further discussion ensued. According to Schupple, the worse case scenario would be needing Com Ed in the winter. If the Village wishes to participate, information will be needed for the January 28 submittal. Grants will be awarded April 30<sup>th</sup>. Cornerstone Inc would handle the grant, writing, submittal and administration. The Village would be required to keep records of their participation.

c. Casino Night Agreement. Trustee Walleck presented information on the Casino Night Memorial Hall benefit, scheduled for February 28. The Odd Fellows have agreed to co-sponsor the event and the agreement has been reviewed by both parties and executed by the Lodge. A final agreement will be presented

at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> regular Board meeting. The CPA will be checking ID's and International House will apply for an off site liquor permit.

d. Richmond Township Fire District has presented an Intergovernmental Agreement for use of the Village water tower in front of the High School for their radio antenna. According to Savage, the Fire District has been awarded a grant and will be working with the County on the installation. Coggin expressed concern regarding installation especially if any welding is involved. There was also concern about potential interference with the existing antennas (SCADA and WonderWave). Some sort of assurance that this does not preclude the Village from leasing the tower to a cell phone company should also be considered. The agreement does not require any payment from the Fire District. There were no major objections to the proposal as long as there is no interference with other installed antenna and it was suggested that the District could be asked to have some sort of frequency study done. Insurance certificates would also be required from whoever is doing the installation. The agreement will be presented for action at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

a. Finance. Savage informed the Board that budget amendments will be presented at the next meeting. Less road salt was ordered this year due to the high cost and the supply, mixed with sand has already been used up. The Committee is also looking at re-financing the Police Durango and motorcycle at a lower rate along with purchasing a used back hoe. Bills were reviewed and Walleck moved to approve payment of Warrant 2009-9 in the amount of \$86,752.87, which includes manual checks. Seconded by Koenig and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Koenig and Walleck voting yes.

b. Engineer. Coggin presented the activity report and an update on repair of the infiltration/inflow problems in the sewer line on East Street. He has one proposal from Visu-Sewer, which includes televising the line (Mill from Rt 12 to East Street and East Street south to the lift station) and re-lining that entire length for \$49/ft or \$73,000 to \$75,000. After elaborating on the process, Coggin recommended putting out a Request for Proposal to obtain other bids. No IEPA permit is needed for the project and Coggin did not think this project was eligible for any existing grants. To actually replace the pipes would cost upwards of \$150 to \$200/foot.

c. Police. Chief Fryksdale presented the Department's monthly report and updated the Board on recent activities.

d. EDC. Memorial Hall Committee thanked EDC for their contribution to the Memorial Hall Visitor Center banner. EDC is still working on goals and objectives. A map of the business area is being put together and will be included in the brochure.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:** Savage presented a written report and added that information on General Fund borrowing will be presented at the January 22 meeting.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** Walleck encouraged everyone to attend Casino Night.

**CLOSED SESSION:** There was no closed session

With no further business Hollenbach moved to adjourn. Seconded by Walleck and passed by Unanimous voice vote. 8:20 p.m.

Kathleen Hellmann, Village Clerk