

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 17, 2008

**PRESIDING:** President Lauri Olson

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Peter Koenig

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

President Olson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Richmond Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive.

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

**MINUTES:** Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the July 3rd regular meeting. Seconded by Bardy and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach and Hunter voting yes. Kielpinski and Walleck abstaining. Koenig absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. An agreement that will serve as an understanding as to the responsibilities of the Village and Lodge #870 was presented by Walleck. Savage expressed concern that the agreement commits the Village to additional work, such as putting up tents. Walleck stated that it is the same service provided by the Village last year. Hunter asked for assurance from Lodge #870 that they would have enough help on hand so that Public Works would only provide minor assistance. Jeffrey Krueger assured everyone that they would have plenty of volunteers on hand. Bardy moved to authorize President to sign the Richmond Days Agreement 2008 with the Odd Fellows Lodge #870. Seconded by Hollenbach and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Walleck voting yes. Koenig was absent.

b. An application for a special events liquor license was presented. Kielpinski moved to waive the fee for the Special Event Liquor License for the Odd Fellows for Richmond Days, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Hollenbach and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Walleck voting yes. Koenig was absent.

c. Dr. Domenella stated that he is no longer seeking the variance requested because he can do most of what he wants within the ordinance requirements. He would, however, like one support pole for the solar panel that would encroach on the rear yard setback. He may seek a permit for a

wind turbine in the future, but it would be attached to the building and stay under the 35 ft. maximum height. Savage stated that given the absence of design drawings showing the need for encroachment, he is recommending that no variance to the zoning code be granted. At the July 7<sup>th</sup> ZBA hearing on the petition for zoning variance, it was determined that the petitioner has not proved specific hardship or unique circumstance and therefore the requests for variances (side and rear yard setbacks and building height) were denied. Hunter moved to uphold the ZBA recommendation. Seconded by Bardy and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Walleck voting yes. Koenig was absent. Savage reminded Dr. Domenella that the eastern most concrete base encroaching in the rear setback must be removed.

d. Savage stated that numerous residents were placing materials at the curb that went beyond normal brush pick-up and wanted an understanding and concurrence from the Board as to what service is provided. The guidelines are: every third Thursday from April through November brush pick up at the curb will be done by Public Works. Only tree limbs and branches up to 4 inches in diameter and up to 20 feet in length will be picked up. They should be neatly stacked at the curb with butt ends facing the street. Garden waste, loose leaves, grass, hedge clippings, rocks or soils will not be picked up. Kielpinski asked how small was too small for branches. Savage stated that numerous small twigs less than 2 feet posed a problem. Generally you do not want to have to rake up the area. There was no disagreement with the brush pick up guidelines that were presented.

e. An ordinance (2008-14) establishing the sewer/water rate increase effective May 1, 2008 of 6% was presented. Savage explained that this increase is intended to cover higher operating costs for items such as energy, fuel and personnel benefits which have shown double digit increases. It does not address debt service burdens. Hunter moved to pass Ordinance 2008-14. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Walleck voting yes. Koenig was absent.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:** None

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** Kielpinski commended the Administrator for his efforts to have the property in front of Van's cleaned up. He asked if any progress has been made on researching village-wide commercial property tax rebates for new construction. Savage stated that some work had been done and suggested that the initiative be placed on the next agenda for discussion. There were no objections to bringing it forward for discussion.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Bardy moved to go into closed session for litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)), personnel(5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) and approval of closed minutes (5 ILCS 120.2(c)(8)). Seconded by Walleck and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Walleck voting yes. Koenig was absent. Board returned to open session at 8:20 pm. Trustees Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, Walleck and President Olson were present for roll call. Koenig was absent.

There was no further business. Hunter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:21 pm.

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Tim Savage, Village Administrator