

# Village of Richmond

## INCORPORATED 1872

Village President Craig Kunz called the December 5, 2019 Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

Everyone in attendance rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT:** Village President Craig Kunz, Trustees: Dennis Bardy, Robert Elliott, TJ Fulmer, Gina Garbis and Frank Peiler.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Board reviewed the items on the consent agenda.

- a. Approval of Regular Board Minutes for November 21, 2019
- b. Authorization to Expend Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2019/20.08.01 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00
- c. Approval to permit Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to hold 2020 Cookie Program during the months of January-March 2020

*Trustee Bardy moved, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve the consent agenda, approval of the Regular Board minutes for November 21, 2019, authorization to expend funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2019/20.08.01 in the amount of \$160,221.32 and approval to permit Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to hold 2020 Cookie Program during the months of January-March 2020 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: BARDY, ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS and PEILER. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Kunz announced that he would like to fill the vacant Trustee seat with Toni Wardanian and appoint her to the Finance Committee to fill that vacancy as well. He gave a brief bio on Mrs. Wardanian to those present.

*Trustee Garbis moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the appointment of Toni Wardanian to fill the vacant Trustee position and sit on the Finance Committee as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: BARDY, ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, and PEILER. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

Village Clerk Karla Thomas then administered the oath of office and congratulated the new Trustee. The Board welcomed her as she took her seat.

President Kunz presented the annual ordinance for the levy of taxes for the Village of Richmond for the Year 2019 in the aggregate amount of \$496,698.00. Clerk Thomas provided an explanation of how the monies were allocated.

*Trustee Bardy moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve an Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Village of Richmond for the Year 2019 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: BARDY, ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER, and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

President Kunz presented the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Richmond Township Road District for mowing. He explained that the new IGA offers a Quid Pro Quo or barter of services saving both agencies money.

*Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Bardy to approve entering into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Richmond Township Road District for mowing as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: BARDY, ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

### COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**FINANCE:** Trustee Bardy reported that the committee looked over the tax levy ordinance and reviewed bills. President Kunz asked when the Finance Committee reviewed the permit and connection fees at their previous meeting, whether they had a recommendation. Trustee Bardy reported that the committee was not provided enough information to make a recommendation. President Kunz asked if the Board would like him to contact Kim Meier to get more details. The Board agreed that more information was needed.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None.

**POLICE:** The Chief distributed the monthly report for November 2019. He reported that there have been an increase in Police calls to the Drake Motel and a recent incident required multiple governmental agencies to get involved. Chief Cetrangolo also reported that when the Police Department Facebook Page was created they could block comments; however, with new laws being established he would need to have someone constantly monitoring the site. Due to the limited number of staff he cannot maintain the site properly. He announced that he will be shutting down the Police Facebook Page and will continue to use Nixle and the Village Website to keep residents informed.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:** President Kunz reported that the Board had received the Interim Director of Public Works weekly work report.

**ENGINEERING:** None.

**VILLAGE CLERK:** The Clerk announced that the Board would need to go into closed session at the next meeting for approval/semi-annual review of closed session minutes. The Clerk also announced that the Christmas of Yesteryear event begins tomorrow and the Annual Tree Lighting will be occurring at 6:30 PM at Stevens Park. She also provided a flyer of the entire event schedule to each member of the Board and hoped that all would attend.

**ATTORNEY:** None.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** President Kunz distributed and discussed an email and letter drafted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding the future of the Richmond Bypass Study. The letter is a formal request concurrence to proceed with a "No Build" alternative and a time extension. "The No Build Alternative, at this time consists of leaving the existing US 12 in place and limiting roadway work to maintenance activities, resurfacing/reconstruction improvements, and changes to improve safety at high volume intersections between IL 31 and the Illinois-Wisconsin border." The Bureau of Local Roads & Streets (BL&S) will send the letter to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

President Kunz congratulated the RBCHS Football Team on winning the 2019 IHSA 4A State Championship. He announced that the Village of Spring Grove would be proclaiming a specific week as "Richmond Burton Community High School Rockets Football Week". President Kunz noted that the Village hosted the parade and had purchased and hung a banner outside the Village Hall; however, due to weather damage, has been relocated inside the Village Hall lobby. He asked if the Board would like to recognize/honor the team in any other way. The Board will consider whether to do anything else.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** Trustee Bardy noted that due to a change in his work schedule the Finance Committee agreed to change the meetings time from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM going forward.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION:** None.

*With no further business, Trustee Fulmer moved to adjourn the December 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Garbis. The motion was approved by voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk