

Village of Richmond

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Village President Pro-Tem Terry Fulmer called the June 4, 2020 Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM via Remote Web Meeting held on Zoom, in Richmond, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT REMOTELY: Village President Pro-Tem Terry Fulmer; Trustees Robert Elliott, Frank Peiler, Tom Van Daele and Toni Wardanian.
ABSENT: Village President Craig Kunz and Trustee Gina Garbis.
OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY: Police Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Attorney David McArdle, and Village Clerk Karla Thomas.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY INCLUDED: Atty. Craig Krandel, Dr. David Domenella, Dennis Bardy and Jen Ezop.

ANNOUNCEMENT/REQUESTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board reviewed the paperwork provided by President Kunz regarding the request by Jeff Brumm seeking relief of a code violation in the amount of \$750.00. President Pro-Tem Fulmer noted that the Board had previously decided that police matters stay with the police and that the Board would not interfere. There was a consensus by all Board members that the matter stay with the Police Department and no action will be taken by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Attorney Craig Krandel spoke on behalf of his client AP & T Family Living Trust (David Domenella, Successor Trustee) requesting guidance from the Board for zoning and use of property his client acquired and located on E. Rte. 12 (PIN 04-22-300-016). Atty. Krandel explained that his client would like to propose that a tenant who processes and sells firewood be allowed to operate on the property using log-splitting/cutting equipment and that most of the operation would be wholesale or delivery to users with some limited drive by (pick up) retail sales. The Board was amenable to the proposed use, as long as, it conforms to the Unified Development Ordinance permissible use. A proposed 3' x 5' wood painted sign for the business would require a sign permit application. The Board directed Atty. Krandel to work with the Village Attorney and Village Clerk on the matter.

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

- a. Approve Regular Board Minutes for May 21, 2020
- b. Ratify the Approval to pro-rate Video Gaming License Fees for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021

President Pro-Tem Fulmer asked to address the consent agenda items separately.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Van Daele to approve the Regular Board Minutes for May 21, 2020 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, PEILER, VAN DAELE and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Pro-Tem Fulmer asked Clerk Thomas to explain the complications of pro-rating video gaming license fees for FY 2021.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to move forward with pro-ration of video gaming license fees for FY 2021 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: NONE. NAYS: ELLIOTT, PEILER, VAN DAELE and WARDANIAN. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Wardanian reported that the Finance Committee met on June 2, 2020 to discuss FY 2021 revenues with the Finance Clerk. The committee decided to take a "wait and see" approach. April and May revenues will help determine whether expenditure reductions will be required. PW Supervisor Jon Schmitt recommended that the South Water Tower Project be postponed until FY 2022, as bid figures to have the work performed in FY 2021 vs FY 2022 were very close. Trustee Elliott went on record that he was opposed to delaying the South Water Tower Project. Trustee Wardanian noted that April/May revenue figures should be available for the next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for June 16th and the committee will then discuss the matter further.

Trustee Van Daele moved, seconded by Trustee Wardanian to approve the Finance Committee recommendation as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: PEILER, VAN DAELE, and WARDANIAN. NAYS: ELLIOTT. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Pro-Tem Fulmer announced that he was proclaiming June 2020 Pride Month. Trustee Elliott went on record as objecting to the reference to the riots in the proclamation.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: Trustee Wardanian reported that the committee will meet on Tuesday, June 16th to further discuss FY 2021 revenues and expenditures budgeted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None

POLICE: None

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PUBLIC WORKS: None

ENGINEERING: None

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas provided the Board with a status update on Off-Premise Signs and asked for direction from the Board on how they wish the matter to be handled. There was a consensus of the Board that the Community Development Committee discuss the removal of off-premises signs and make a recommendation to the full Board. Trustee Wardanian will contact Mr. Kroupa after the documents are prepared for the variance process.

Clerk Thomas presented a draft ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance regarding sign variations. Atty. McArdle requested direction from the Board. The Board requested that the sign variance process be streamlined to make it easy for applicants. They asked that the ordinance remove any requirement for a public hearing or posting on property and instead have applicants complete a sign permit application and submit the information required along with difficulties or hardships in carrying out the letter of the regulations. There being a consensus of the Board, Atty. McArdle will prepare an amended draft ordinance and a sign permit agreement to be attached to the existing sign permit application for the Community Development Committee to review and make a recommendation to the full Board.

Clerk Thomas reported on a pending annexation of vacant property located at 5911 W. Rte. 173, which is expected to come before the Plan Commission and Board on Thursday, July 16th.

ATTORNEY: Atty. McArdle explained a water issue occurring at 5615 Mill Street. He reported that the Village had installed a self-flushing hydrant to improve the water quality and water samples have been taken on several occasions, which results came back good. Atty. McArdle asked if the Village was interested in baring the expense to have the Village service line be replaced, using PW staff. It was suggested that before the Board replace the Village's service line, the homeowner sign a release of further liability. There was a consensus of the Board to have Atty. McArdle prepare the draft document. This matter will be placed on the next Village Board Agenda.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Pro-Tem Fulmer sent well wishes to President Kunz.

President Pro-Tem Fulmer stressed that during this transitory time that Board members work together as a team. He announced that to be more transparent, Trustees will see an email each Friday "From the President's Desk" providing information by department on what is occurring within the Village.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Van Daele stated that President Pro-Tem Fulmer was doing a good job and appreciated him picking up the ball and running with it during President Kunz' absences.

Trustee Elliott thanked the Public Works Department for getting tables and barricades out to the bars and restaurants, so they can provide outdoor service.

With no further business, Trustee Van Daele moved to adjourn the June 2, 2020 Remote Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Wardanian. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk