

Village of Richmond

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Remote Zoom Meeting-Meeting ID: 813 547 477

Village President Craig Kunz called the April 16, 2020 Board Meeting to order at 7:01 PM via Remote Web Meeting held on Zoom, in Richmond, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT REMOTELY: Village President Craig Kunz; Trustees Robert Elliott, TJ Fulmer, Gina Garbis, Frank Peiler (arrived at 7:07 PM), Tom Van Daele and Toni Wardanian.

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY INCLUDED: Jen Ezop, Connie Larson, Diana Reed and Erin Weber.

ANNOUNCEMENT/REQUESTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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

- a. Approval of the Regular Board Minutes of April 6, 2020
- b. Authorization to Expend Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2019/20.12.02 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00
- c. Approval to waive rental fees for Monday night AA Group to use Memorial Hall every Monday evening for Fiscal Year 2021
- d. Approval to waive rental fees for Tuesday night AA Group to use Memorial Hall every Tuesday evening for Fiscal Year 2021
- e. Approval of the Village of Richmond Regular Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2021

Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Elliott to approve the consent agenda, approval of the Regular Board Minutes of April 2, 2020,; authorization to expend funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2019/20.12.02 in the amount not to exceed \$94,960.28; approval to waive rental fees for Monday night AA Group to use Memorial Hall every Monday evening for Fiscal year 2021; Approval to waive rental fees for Tuesday night AA Group to use Memorial Hall every Tuesday evening for Fiscal Year 2021 and Approval of the Village of Richmond Regular Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2021 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, VAN DAELE and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: PEILER. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Kunz asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 budget. He reported that water/sewer fees would be increasing as follows: additional unit charges would increase from \$68.25 to \$75.00; water rates would increase from \$0.439 per 1,000 gallons to \$0.5 per 1,000 gallons; sewer rates would increase from \$9.401 per gallon to \$10.00 per gallon and debt service surcharge would increase from \$25.00 per quarter to \$37.50 per quarter. President Kunz noted that the average user uses 12,000 gallons of water per quarter with a bill of \$199.79 and with these increases their bill will be \$217.50. These increases will go into effect May 1st and will be paid in August. President Kunz explained that the water/sewer fund must stand on its own, revenues need to meet or exceed expenses per the IEPA Loan. President Kunz also noted that the South Water Tower will be sandblasted inside and out and repainted at an approximate cost of \$370,000.00. In order to fund this project \$363,000.00 will be loaned from the General Fund and will need to be paid back. He noted the budget deficit in General and Water/Sewer totals \$592,000.00. President Kunz stated that with this anticipated deficit he does not recommend this budget.

Trustee Wardanian moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 budget as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER, and WARDANIAN. NAYS: VAN DAELE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Kunz presented an Ordinance Repealing Article 6.8, Signs, Section 6.8.5(E) Village Welcome Signs, of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Village of Richmond. Clerk Thomas reported that the Village is eliminating the commercial advertising on the Village's Welcome Signs.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve an Ordinance Repealing Article 6.8, Signs, Section 6.8.5(E) Village Welcome Signs, of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Village of Richmond as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER, VAN DAELE and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Kunz presented the continuation of the local disaster emergency for the Village of Richmond pursuant to Section 3.14(n), Local Disaster Emergency, of the Richmond Village Code to May 21, 2020. He noted that if the Governor lifts the shelter in place order this continuation will cease at that time or on May 21st, whichever comes first.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Wardanian to approve the continuation of the local disaster emergency for the Village of Richmond pursuant to Section 3.14(n), Local Disaster Emergency, of the Richmond Village Code to May 21, 2020 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, PEILER, VAN DAELE, and WARDANIAN. NAYS: FULMER and GARBIS. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

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COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: Trustee Wardanian reported that the budget was completed. The committee worked on it from February to April. Finance Committee meetings for Fiscal Year 2021 will be held once a month on the Tuesday before the 2nd Board meeting of the month at 5:30 PM and one warrant will be issued per month.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Elliott reported that the Community Development meetings for Fiscal Year 2021 will be held once a month on the Monday before the 2nd Board meeting of the month at 5:30 PM.

POLICE: None.

PUBLIC WORKS: President Kunz reported that the Public Works Department continues to work using social distancing. IPR duties will be transitioned to Baxter & Woodman.

ENGINEERING: None.

VILLAGE CLERK: Economic Interest Statements need to be filed with the County Clerk's office by May 1st. Those required to file, please do so before the deadline.

ATTORNEY: Atty. McArdle reported that he had emailed the Board on the final decision by the court regarding the Magnolia property.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Kunz reported that COVID-19 preliminary costs have been submitted in the amount of \$7,000.00 as of April 15, 2020.

President Kunz announced that he sent letters to County Board Chairman Jack Franks, Congresswomen Lauren Underwood, Representative Steve Reick and Senator Craig Wilcox asking for relief of the Wastewater Treatment Plant IEPA Loan payments for June and December requesting that the payments be added to the end of the loan schedule. He had previously requested this relief from the IEPA; however, they were unwilling to make the accommodation.

President Kunz announced that the Village has acquired the Magnolia property. He tasked the Finance Committee with getting it on the market by establishing a program. Attorney McArdle will send procedures on selling municipal property through the Village Clerk.

President Kunz thanked everyone who worked on the budget.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None.

Diana Reed voiced concerns regarding the continuation of the local disaster emergency for the Village of Richmond until May 21, 2020. Atty. McArdle explained that only the Governor can lift the shelter in place order and the May 21st date permits the Village to apply for financial assistance.

With no further business, Trustee Peiler moved to adjourn the April 16, 2020 Remote Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Garbis. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk