

Village of Richmond

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MINUTES REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING Thursday, August 20, 2020, 7:00 PM

REMOTE ZOOM MEETING ID: 822 6289 7981

Village President Craig Kunz called the August 20, 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 Craig Kunz; Trustees Robert Elliott, TJ Fulmer, Gina Garbis (arrived at 7:06 PM), Frank Peiler, 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: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

- a. Approve Regular Board Minutes for August 6, 2020
- b. Authorization to Expend Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2020/21.04.01 in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.00

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve the Regular Board Minutes for August 6, 2020 and authorize the expenditure of funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2020/21.04.01 in the amount of \$124,104.67 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, PEILER, VAN DAELE and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Kunz requested the 6th 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 September 17, 2020.

Trustee Wardanian moved, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve the 6th 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 September 17, 2020 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, PEILER, VAN DAELE and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Kunz reported that the Village was not getting responses from appraisers, as they are apparently in high demand at this time. He asked the Board for direction. The Board requested that staff continue to pursue looking for appraisal services. It was noted that at the previous Board meeting a deadline was given of October 15, 2020. President Kunz also reported that he had two developers interested in the old Magnolia property.

The Board discussed the proposed Dollar General and the impact it would have on the Village. There was Board consensus to have staff contact representatives of Capital Growth Buchalter and notify them that the Village has no further interest in pursuing their locating to Richmond.

Upon direction from President Kunz, Clerk Thomas provided an update on conversations she had with the real estate broker and architect for Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins. The Board showed interest in the possible development; therefore, President Kunz will schedule a face-to-face meeting with a representative and suggested that Trustees Garbis and Wardanian, along with Police Chief/Administrator Cetrangolo be in attendance.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None.

POLICE: Chief Cetrangolo reported that he had found someone on a part-time basis to assist in the Administrative office.

PUBLIC WORKS: President Kunz reported that an ordinance will be drafted addressing grease traps and maintenance, after the recent sewer main blockage that took place and caused significant Public Works time to remediate.

ENGINEERING: None.

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas reported that the Special Use Permit and Certificate of Insurance for "Movies in the Park" had not been received. Trustee Garbis will follow up on the matter and provide the required documents.

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Clerk Thomas asked the Board if it is their intention to permit Trick-or-Treating to take place this year, due to COVID-19. The majority of the Board agreed to allow Trick-or-Treating to take place on October 31st during the usual hours of 4-7 PM.

Clerk Thomas asked the Board if they would like to have information submitted to the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois (CBAI) to indicate that the Village is a cannabis business-friendly community. There was a consensus of the Board to provide information to the CBAI.

ATTORNEY: Attorney McArdle reminded the Board that the deadline to increase elected official wages was October 8, 2020.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Kunz reported that Gerstad Builders has asked that the Village release the Letter of Credit (LOC) for the development. He informed the Board that the Village Engineering firm has pointed out that grass seeding and tree installation could be done this year with an unsecured letter of guarantee in the amount of less than \$500.00. If the grass/trees die out during the winter then the builder would be responsible for replacement in the spring of 2021. The engineering firm will provide the Village with a letter of recommendation to the Board for acceptance of the improvements and to release the LOC, once they confirm the work has been completed. President Kunz presented images of two signs located at the entrance of the development and requested Board direction on whether to have the builder keep or remove them. There was a consensus of the Board to have the wooden signs with the pricing on them removed, but keep the brick subdivision sign in the right-of-way as is.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Peiler reported that the Stump Realty sign located on Route 12 by the entrance to the Sunset Ridge Subdivision has fallen down.

With no further business, Trustee Garbis moved to adjourn the August 20, 2020 Regular Board meeting held remotely on Zoom, seconded by Trustee Peiler. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk