

# Village of Richmond

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### MINUTES REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING Thursday, September 17, 2020, 7:00 PM

REMOTE ZOOM MEETING ID: 843 6800 7425

Village President Craig Kunz called the September 17, 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 7:09 PM), Frank Peiler, Tom Daele and Toni Wardanian (arrived at 7:02 PM).

**ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY:** Police Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Public Works Supervisor Jon Schmitt, Attorney David McArdle, and Village Clerk Karla Thomas.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY INCLUDED:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:** President Kunz announced that the semi-annual Curbside Electronics Pickup would take place on Thursday, October 1, 2020 by Prairieland Disposal.

President Kunz announced that the first Curbside Leaf Vacuuming would take place on Friday, October 16, 2020 by Prairieland Disposal.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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

- a. Approval of Special Board Minutes for August 27, 2020 and Regular Board Minutes for September 3, 2020
- b. Authorization to Expend Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2020/21.05.01 in the amount of \$200,000.00

*Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the Special Board Minutes for August 27, 2020 and Regular Board Minutes for September 3, 2020; authorization to expend funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 2020/21.05.01 in the amount of \$63,182.55 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 December 31, 2020.

*Trustee Wardanian moved, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 December 31, 2020 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, PEILER, VAN DAELE and WARDANIAN. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

#### COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**FINANCE:** Trustee Wardanian reported that the committee had met with Auditor George Roach to discuss the funding and creation of Capital Improvement Funds for Administration, Police and Streets. She requested that the matter be placed on the next Board agenda for approval. Trustee Wardanian questioned whether the Village could sell water to companies that fill pools in order to increase revenues for the water fund. This matter will need to be investigated.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None.

**POLICE:** None.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Supervisor Schmitt informed the Board of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant call for project. The deadline to file an application is November 2, 2020. He reported that sidewalks were being included this round and recommended the installation of sidewalks on the east side of Route 12 from the Pheasant Ridge to just north of Walnut Street. The project would include sidewalk, drainage, curb, driveway replacement, retaining walls, as well as, some right-of-way (ROW)/easements. The estimated cost for the project is \$495,000.00, of which the Village would be responsible for approximately \$100,000.00 plus approximately \$50,000.00 for ROW/easements. It was estimated that the process would take 2 to 4 years from start to construction. Trustee Fulmer questioned when the Village would have to come up with the money. Supervisor Schmitt thought this particular project would take 3 to 4 years to get to construction, longer if ROW/easements were required. Not included in the cost is the preparation of the ITEP application, which Baxter & Woodman can perform for \$2,000.00. President Kunz explained that Supervisor Schmitt has the money in his budget,

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due to not hiring part-time summer help. President Kunz asked the Board if they wished to pursue the grant and give permission to spend \$2,000.00 for Baxter and Woodman to prepare and submit the ITEP grant application. The Board was polled and there was a unanimous consensus. Supervisor Schmitt will have Baxter and Woodman prepare a work order for the preparation of the application. A resolution will be brought before the Board for approval in October supporting and funding the grant. It was noted that the Village would not be obligated to fund the project, if in the future they decided to refuse the grant award.

Trustee Peiler noted that the Village Welcome Signs looked good after the modifications were made and suggested that shrubs be planted at the base of each sign. Supervisor Schmitt stated that mulch would be placed around the bases for the time being.

ENGINEERING: None.

VILLAGE CLERK: None.

ATTORNEY: None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Fulmer expressed interest in pooling all monies into one united Capital Improvement Fund in order to earn the largest amount of interest possible.

Trustee Elliott inquired into the final vote of the board regarding Dollar General. President Kunz reported that four (4) trustees were opposed and two (2) were in favor of Dollar General coming into the Village. He also reported that all six (6) trustees were opposed to offering incentives. President Kunz stated that he had been in contact with Capital Growth Buchalter regarding the Village's position.

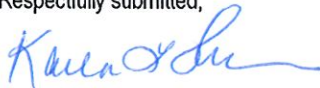
Trustee Elliott questioned whether the Village can sell Memorial Hall due to the property and money being donated for the purpose of constructing the structure and it being listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. He explained that the Village needs to determine if either issue would be a problem with selling the property, especially before spending money to have it appraised. It was noted that none of the appraisal services contacted have responded. Atty. McArdle agreed and the matter will need to be investigated.

Trustee Fulmer questions whether there has been any progress in the sale of the Sugar House property or development of the Lucky Girl property. President Kunz reported that he was not aware of any progress regarding either property.

*With no further business, Trustee Peiler moved to adjourn the September 17, 2020 Regular Board meeting held remotely on Zoom, seconded by Trustee Fulmer. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk