

Village of Richmond

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MINUTES REGULAR REMOTE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING Thursday, March 4, 2021

REMOTE ZOOM MEETING ID: 846 9792 4335

Village President Craig Kunz called the March 4, 2021 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, T.J. Fulmer, Frank Peiler, Toni Wardanian and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: Trustee Gina Garbis.

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY INCLUDED: Scott Drabant, James Gerasco, Tom Jiaras and Steve Kaplan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board members discussed criteria for the Memorial Hall Cost Neutrality Research & Recommendation Committee. It was determined that (6) six Village residents will sit on the committee: Chair/Liaison Toni Wardanian, Frank Peiler, Linda Weiss, Scott Drabant, Roy Wulffen and Adams Metz. The committee will be required to follow the Open Meetings Act. The Village Clerk will be responsible for taking minutes. Meetings will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, with the 1st meeting scheduled for April 7, 2021 via Zoom. The committee will be required to formulate a plan to make Memorial Hall Cost Neutral and present a final recommendation to the Board within a reasonable period of time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board reviewed the item on the consent agenda.
a. Approval of Regular Board Minutes for February 18, 2021

Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Wardanian to approve the Regular Board Minutes for February 18, 2021 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Kunz reported that two bids were received for the Magnolia property located at 11106 US Hwy. 12. He then read the highlights of both bids, one received from Jack Pease and another from Tom Jiaras. President Kunz directed the Clerk to provide copies of the bid proposals to the Board for review. Further discussion and possible action will take place at the next meeting.

President Kunz presented (3) three options for the Memorial Hall "For Sale" signs (2' x 4', 33" x 96", 48" x 96"). To get the best visibility, the signs will be placed on both sides of the Memorial Hall message sign. The first two proposed options illustrated the placement of the "For Sale" signs at the top of the Memorial Hall sign over the bridge and Village of Richmond portion. The last option proposed the placement of the "For Sale" signs over the message portion of the sign; thereby making the sign unavailable for community and Village messages.

Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Elliott to go with the "For Sale" sign option#3 (48" x 96") on both sides of the Memorial Hall Message sign. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS, ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: Trustee Wardanian reported that the proposed water/sewer, septic receiving and water/sewer capital improvement fund budgets were discussed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None.

POLICE: Administrator/Police Chief Cetrangolo had nothing to report for the Police side. He reported that for the Admin side: Shermer Farms, an applicant, is interested in placing a Cannabis Craft Grower facility in the old Jan-Air Building on Commercial Street. As part of the Special Use Permit process specific documents are required to be submitted, which they do not wish to provide except in person, as they have a substantial amount of proprietary information and security measures in them. The applicants have requested to set up a meeting with the Board to review the documents. Administrator Cetrangolo suggested a possible rebate agreement, as Craft Growing facilities do not offer any sales tax revenue. It was suggested that Administrator Cetrangolo sit down with them about a possible Cannabis Dispensary associated with the Craft Grower facility. Administrator Cetrangolo will contact the applicants to pursue future options.

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PUBLIC WORKS: President Kunz reported that the Village had a water main break in the KLM subdivision on Grouse Lane that the Public Works staff worked on for two days. As the Village's backhoe could not handle the depth required, an outside contractor had to be used. He stated that the Public Works staff did a great job! The Village can expect further concrete and asphalt costs, as a result of the break.

ENGINEERING: President Kunz reported that he had spoken with Lou Haussmann at Baxter & Woodman regarding the Village's IEPA NPDES Permit that expires November 30, 2021. A work order will be created for the Engineering Firm to prepare the necessary paperwork for the renewal NPDES Permit application.

VILLAGE CLERK: None.

ATTORNEY: None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Kunz announced that there were (2) two vacancies on the Plan Commission and asked the Board members to please submit names of possible candidates to him by the deadline of March 10th.

President Kunz reported that Trustee Fulmer had suggested the possibility of obtaining a loan in regards to the South Water Tower project. The South Water Tower project has anticipated costs of approximately \$411,000.00. Based on Trustee Fulmer's recommendation the Village will look into obtaining a loan instead of taking the funds from the Investment Portfolio. He announced that for the period of February 2020 to February 2021 the portfolio earned 2.65% after expenses. President Kunz stated that he had contacted Associated Bank and for \$400,000 with a 4-year term the best they could offer in interest rate was 2.5%, which is not guaranteed. The bank's representative stated that they are reluctant to loan money to Illinois municipalities. President Kunz contacted Blackhawk Bank's McHenry branch for the same loan amount and term, their interest rate is 2.75%. Trustee Fulmer would like to look into the matter further.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Elliott asked if the Memorial Hall Listing Contract had been signed. President Kunz reported that it had.

Trustee Elliott inquired into whether restaurants with bars will be permitted to provide outdoor dining/liquor next month, as weather improves. President Kunz reported that those restaurants with the proper outside service liquor licenses can serve outdoors on their property. Others cannot as the Executive Order has expired.

With no further business, Trustee Fulmer moved to adjourn the March 4, 2021, Regular Board meeting held remotely on Zoom, seconded by Trustee Peiler. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk