

Village of Richmond

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MINUTES REGULAR REMOTE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING Thursday, April 15, 2021

REMOTE ZOOM MEETING ID: 842 5731 6799

Due to President Kunz' absences, Village Clerk Karla Thomas called the April 15, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM via Remote Web Meeting held on Zoom, in Richmond, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustees Robert Elliott, TJ Fulmer, Gina Garbis (arrived at 7:08 PM), Frank Peiler, Toni Wardanian and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: Village President Craig Kunz

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY INCLUDED: Chez Benoit, Mimi Hill-Bierman, Jean Bolash, Eric Carl, Sue Cherry, Sue Church, Allison Kessel-Clark, Scott Drabant, Russ/Sara Foszcz, Amy Fulmer, James Gerasco, Chris Gumm, Peter Gussie, Sue Klouda, Rommy Lopat, Lauri Olson, J. Reibel, Robert Schafer, Erin Weber, Alison Wild, Roy Wulffen.

The Clerk asked for a motion to appoint Trustee Toni Wardanian as President Pro Tem due to President Kunz' absence.

Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to appoint Trustee Toni Wardanian as President Pro Tem. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Clerk Thomas read thirteen emailed Public Comments submitted by Peggy Berlin Sena, Valeria Prickett, Joanie Ehorn, Lenae Lindsay, Kim Moushey, Kristin Anderson, Christi Fliou, Jean Bolash, Ann Katzenberg, Peter Gussie, Kathy Polinski, Sue Church, and Joan Jacobson all requesting that the Village keep Memorial Hall and not sell it.

Allison Kessel-Clark requested that the Board retain and preserve Memorial Hall as the legacy it was intended to be. The Board has a responsibility.

Jean Bolash voiced concerns about improper notification of Special Meetings and to slow down on the sale of Memorial Hall.

Russ/Sara Foszcz noted that they have attended events and spent money in Richmond businesses, requested that the Board slow down and take advantage of a good opportunity to keep Memorial Hall in the Village's hand before moving forward.

Sue Church requested that the Village pursue grants to help improve Memorial Hall.

Scott Drabant commented on lack of communication/transparency by the Village, asked the Board to reconsider keeping the Memorial Hall in the Village's hand. Don't sell, instead develop a plan. Let the residents regain the trust of the Board.

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

- a. Approval of Regular Board Minutes for April 1, 2021
- b. Authorization to Expend Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 20/21.01 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00
- c. Approval of the Village of Richmond Regular Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2022
- d. Motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Streets and Sidewalks, Section 4.17 and Appendix A for Adjudication Purposes of the Richmond Municipal Code
- e. Motion to approve Genoa City Wisconsin, providing potable water service to GrindCo aka Calco (formerly John Sterling Corporation), 11670 Sterling Parkway, until such time as the Village watermains are located within 200 feet of the GrindCo property line

Clerk Thomas explained that GrindCo aka Calco is already connected to Genoa City Wisconsin water, but is looking to add an additional line to get better water pressure. Currently, Richmond watermains are not located within 200 feet of GrindCo's property line.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve the Regular Board Minutes for April 1, 2021 the expenditure of funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 20/21.01 in the amount of \$193,381.63, approve the Village of Richmond Regular Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2022, approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Streets and Sidewalks, Section 4.17 and Appendix A for Adjudication Purposes of the Richmond Municipal Code and approve Genoa City Wisconsin, providing potable water service to GrindCo aka Calco (formerly John Sterling Corporation), 11670 Sterling parkway, until such time as the Village watermains are located within 200 feet of the GrindCo property line as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS: Jason Bellucci made a presentation on preliminary concept plans for an elite traveling baseball organization on the property located at 9700 N. Main Street. The steel building would be landscaped and provide an indoor softball facility 130' x 150' with hitting/pitching and would be occupied by Wisconsin Lightning Youth Athletics. They would use the facilities 5 to 10 pm Monday through Thursday and Saturday/Sundays and will be investing \$200,000.00 for the project. The building would also be open to seniors for an indoor walking track, individual trainers, with future expansion for virtual golfing, ax throwing, and a restaurant with liquor service (no gaming). Mr. Bellucci will be donating \$50,000.00 with the total project cost of \$500,000.00 and a 10-year lease. He plans to enlarge the existing parking lot to accommodate both the doctor's office and the purposed concept. He is planning on beginning construction in December 2021 or January 2022. The Board supported the concept.

Eric Carl, owner of Harper G's Mercantile, explained that he and his wife Diana have merged the old Finery & Finishes business into the mercantile. The new concept for the old Finery & Finishes building located on Main Street is an Ice Cream Shop, which will sell 16-20 flavors of ice cream. He presented new exterior color concepts for the repainting of the front face of the building, they will be pulling permits. The name of the business will be "Ivy's Oh So Sweet". The Board supported the concept.

Jim and Rachel Prickett provided their family background and a presentation for a non-profit foundation to save Memorial Hall. The presentation covered the Hall's history, significance, the creation of a foundation in the name of W.A. McConnell with a Board that would lease the hall, in order to preserve the grandfathering, financing by creating an endowment fund, pursuing grants and fundraisers, endorsements from Main Stay Therapy Farms, Preservation Chicago and several businesses, renovations after a structural analysis is completed, programming/events, such as, weddings, parties, corporation events, Murder Mystery dinners and shows, paint and sip coordinated with Hammer & Stain, kids cooking classes, pairing with neighboring communities, such as, Genoa City Lions Club to host bingo, art organizations, vintage chorus girl dance, advertising/promotion through the use of a website complimented by Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts, generations of passion and desire to save Memorial Hall. Historical buildings are a crucial element. Memorial Hall is a precious and boundless gift for the entire community. President Pro Tem Wardanian commented to let the foundation move forward. Trustees Fulmer, Peiler and Elliott agreed. Attorney McArdle stated that the Village could be in Breach of Contract and President Pro Tem Wardanian asked Attorney McArdle to review and investigate the review period and listing contract. President Pro Tem Wardanian stated that she would contact the Everly's about voiding the contract.

President Pro Tem Wardanian asked for a motion to approve the Village of Richmond 2022 Fiscal Year Budget. Trustee Elliott explained that he understood the need to make cuts and was willing to stay within the amount allotted to the Community Development Committee budget, but wished to amend the amounts in each line item.

Trustee Fulmer moved to accept the budget as presented, but the motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to table the issue until the next meeting. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Pro Tem Wardanian presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment #FY21-01 to transfer funds in the amount of \$42,350.00 from Water/Sewer for Reed Bed Payment through Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund and reducing Water/Sewer Fund line items Maintenance Utility Lines and Meter Replacements.

Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve Fiscal Year 2021 budget Amendment #FY21-01 to transfer funds in the amount of \$42,350.00 from Water/Sewer for Reed Bed Payment through Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund and reducing Water/Sewer Fund line items Maintenance Utility Lines and Meter Replacements as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: Trustee Wardanian thanked Trustee's Fulmer, Weiss and Finance Clerk Murphy for their hard work during the budget process.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None.

POLICE: None.

PUBLIC WORKS: None.

ENGINEERING: None.

VILLAGE CLERK: None.

ATTORNEY: Atty. McArdle requested that the Village Clerk send the listing contract and offer to Trustee Wardanian to review.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Fulmer stated that Trustee Wardanian did a great job as President Pro Tem.

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Clerk Thomas reported that for safety reasons, due to COVID and that not everyone is fully vaccinated and immune, as well as, the number of individuals attending Zoom Board meetings, Board meetings will continue to take place online due to the lack of space in the Village Board Room until further notice. The Board agreed.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Fulmer moved to adjourn the April 15, 2021 Remote Regular Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Peiler. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, GARBIS, PEILER, WARDANIAN and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk