

Village of Richmond

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MINUTES REGULAR REMOTE BOARD MEETING Thursday, June 3, 2021

Remote Zoom Meeting-Meeting ID: 871 2334 1574

Village President Toni Wardanian called the June 3, 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 Toni Wardanian; Trustees Robert Elliott, Craig Kunz, Frank Peiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: Trustee TJ Fulmer and Gina Garbis.

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY INCLUDED: Jean Bolash, Allison Kessel Clark, Scott Drabant and Robert Schafer.

ANNOUNCEMENT/REQUESTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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

- a. Approval of Regular Board Minutes for May 20, 2021
- b. Approve Authorization for the Supervisor of Public Works to expend funds for item, within budget, that exceeds purchasing authority:
 - \$33,600.00 for Engineering (W/S Capital Improvement)
 - \$378,000.00 for Water Tower Painting & Repair (W/S Capital Improvement)

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the consent agenda; approve the Regular Board Minutes for May 20, 2021; approve authorization for the Supervisor of Public Works to expend funds for item, within budget, not to exceed the amounts as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, KUNZ, PEILER AND WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER AND GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Wardanian announced that a request for a Class "B" Liquor License was received for Dilars Restaurant located at 8704 Rte. 12.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the Class "B" Liquor License for Dilars Restaurant located at 8704 Rte. 12 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, KUNZ, PEILER AND WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER AND GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented for approval an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Board of Trustees, Section 2.07 Order of Business of the Richmond Municipal Code. This ordinance moves Public Comments further down on the agenda.

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Board of Trustees, Section 2.07 Order of Business of the Richmond Municipal Code as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, KUNZ, PEILER AND WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER AND GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented for approval an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 3.09(b) of the Municipal Code for the Village of Richmond Illinois Regarding Officers and Employees, Terms of Office. This ordinance would change the Village Clerk and Village Collector's appointment from a 1-year to a four-year term to run with the Village President's term of office; it shows a vote of confidence and instills this individual to continue to do a good job. Trustee Kunz questioned what the necessity is and suggested that it become an elected position done through a referendum on the next ballot. He also questioned why the Village Administrator/Police Chief was not provided the same term of office. President Wardanian noted that she was going down the list of appointments and would be reviewing all full-time positions, additionally the Village Administrator/Police Chief has an employment contract. She pointed out that the Police Commissioners are part-time with 3-year terms of office and the Plan Commissioners also are part-time and have 5-year terms of office. The Village Clerk and Collector position is a full-time job, which would provide very good will. Trustee Elliott remarked that the term of office should be the Village President's decision and the change in the term of office shows a sign of confidence in the Village Clerk. Trustee Elliott noted that if the position is elected the voters only make the change. Trustee Peiler noted that the Village President and Village Clerk work hand-in-hand and have a good working relationship, the term should run with the Village President's, the position is still at-will. Trustee Kunz requested to make a modification to include the Village Administrator/Police Chief, the Village Attorney, the Village Engineering Firm and the Village Auditor, which all are appointed annually. President Wardanian reiterated that she will work down the list of appointments and review each one on an individual basis.

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Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 3.09(b) of the Municipal Code for the Village of Richmond Illinois Regarding Officers and Employees, Terms of Office as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, PEILER, WEISS AND WARDANIAN. NAYS: KUNZ. ABSENT: FULMER AND GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented for approval Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment #FY22-01 Transfer of Public Works Memorial Hall Salaries and Fund Closure. There were no questions from the Board on this item.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment #FY22-01 Transfer of Public Works Memorial Hall Salaries and Fund Closure as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, KUNZ, PEILER AND WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER AND GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

Trustee Elliott presented the Event Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement for Bettina Mueller regarding the "Richmond in the Park" event to be hosted July 10, 2021. He noted that Bettina Mueller has been used as the Event Planner for several years. Trustee Weiss noted that this event will be held at Cotting Park and is intended to be a Family Friendly event with activities for children from Noon to 2 PM. From 2 PM to 6 PM will be music and dancing for adults. Due to COVID, the Community Development Committee is working to create new events that can be held outdoors. Trustee Kunz questioned the availability of adequate parking. President Wardanian and Trustee Weiss both reported that there is sufficient parking available.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the Event Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement for Bettina Mueller regarding the "Richmond in the Park" event to be hosted July 10, 2021 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, KUNZ, PEILER AND WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER AND GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: President Wardanian reported on behalf of Trustee Fulmer that the July 15, 2021 meeting is to be scheduled.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Elliott reported that the Memorial Day Remembrance event went well with 50-60 individuals attending. The next event will be held July 10th "Richmond in the Park", planning has begun.

POLICE: Village Administrator/Police Chief Cetrangolo had nothing to report for the Police Department. On the Administrative side he announced that a water main break occurred on May Avenue and has been repaired. A Boil Order was issued and upon water testing results will then be lifted.

PUBLIC WORKS: None

ENGINEERING: None

VILLAGE CLERK: None

ATTORNEY: Council reported that the Magnolia property closing is scheduled to take place on June 23, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jean Bolash voiced concerns regarding Public Comments placement on the agenda and commented that the Public is not provided information on what will be discussed during the meetings. President Wardanian encouraged her or any individual to email her if they have any questions about the agenda. Ms. Bolash also pointed out a conflict in the Code regarding Public Comments, Section 2.09(2). Jean Bolash inquired into the "Richmond in the Park" event, stating that this was the 1st time she had heard of it, was it included in the budget, how much was the Event Planner being paid and if volunteers were being sought out to help.

Scott Drabant also voiced concerns regarding the placement of Public Comments on the agenda. He also questioned the "Richmond in the Park" event.

Robert Schafer commended Trustee Elliott and those involved in organizing the Memorial Day Event.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Wardanian appreciated the work put into the Memorial Day Event and thanked everyone that performed.

President Wardanian noted that The Depot Restaurant closed and thanked Sue Cherry and her staff for their terrific service over the years.

President Wardanian announced that she visited the new owner of Northern Barbell Strength Training, Chris Northern on his 1st day of business and welcomes a health conscience business instead of a tobacco shop.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Elliott inquired into the start date of the South Water Tower Project. President Wardanian reported that it has not been determined and she has requested that Public Works Supervisor Schmitt provide the Board with a report on the work to be performed at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Kunz questioned whether the Board is going to follow Robert's Rules of Order. Council noted that it depends on how the Village President wants to handle. In some cases, specific matters may need to be handled differently. President Wardanian reported that items before the Board for consideration

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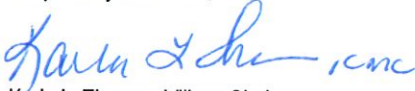
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will be handled by discussion, then motion and second; however, as Council noted there may be occasions when certain matters will be addressed differently. It was noted that the Village has never strictly followed Robert's Rules of Order, which Council confirmed is acceptable.

With no further business, Trustee Kunz moved to adjourn the June 3, 2021 Remote Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Peiler. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, KUNZ, PEILER, AND WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER AND GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk