

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the August 19, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

Everyone in attendance rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Village President Toni Wardanian, Trustees: Robert Elliott, TJ Fulmer (left at 7:37 PM), Craig Kunz, Frank Peiler, and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: Trustee Gina Garbis

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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

- a. Approve Regular Board Minutes for August 5, 2021
- b. Approve Resolution Regarding Closed Session Minutes
- c. Ratify approval for Nippersink Park Phase I Park Improvement Plan and Smart City Kiosk for Stevens Park
- d. Approve the Event Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement for Bettina Mueller regarding "Richmond's Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" Event (Cancelled)
- e. Approve an Ordinance Pertaining to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Village of Richmond
- f. Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 23.08, Location, of the Richmond Municipal Code

It was noted that the Village didn't receive IDOT grant funding for the proposed sidewalk project from Pheasant Ridge to Taco Bell. Funding was denied due to paperwork which had been submitted by the Village in 2017 for the closeout of a 2006 grant award, which was not properly recorded by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. Upon notification Clerk Thomas resubmitted the paperwork again and the issue has been resolved. The Village Engineers will resubmit for the grant in the Fall.

Trustee Kunz moved, seconded by Trustee Fulmer to approve the consent agenda, Approve the Regular Board minutes for August 5, 2021, Approve Resolution Regarding Closed Session Minutes, Ratify Approval for Nippersink Park Phase I Park Improvement Plan not to exceed \$50,000.00 and Smart City Kiosk for Stevens Park not to exceed \$15,000.00, Approve an Ordinance Pertaining to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Village of Richmond and Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 23.08, Location, of the Richmond Municipal Code as amended. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, KUNZ, PEILER, and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Wardanian read a Proclamation announcing International Overdose Awareness, August 31, 2021 in the Village of Richmond.

President Wardanian read a Proclamation announcing September as National Suicide Prevention + Action Month". Alex Campbell, Executive Director of NAMI of McHenry County provided a brief history of the organization and their mission. He will forward information to the Village Clerk regarding the Annual Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Recovery Conference being held remotely on Thursday, September 9th and Friday, September 10th. Additionally, Mr. Campbell offered QPR-Suicide Prevention training to any of Richmond's community groups including the Village Board. He thanked the Board for addressing this important issue.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE: Trustee Fulmer reported that the committee met and recommends a stipend for the Police Commissioners of \$50.00 per meeting, as this is the amount other commission members are paid. This stipend would be retro-active from 5/1/2017. There was a consensus of the Board regarding this matter. Trustee Fulmer reported that the committee discussed the American Rescue Plan funds and requests permission from the Board to permit the Public Works Supervisor to speak to Council to confirm whether water meter replacements would be allowable for the use of funds, if it is determined that meters are not allowable then Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement would be done using these funds. There was a consensus of the Board to permit the PW Supervisor to speak with Council regarding this matter. Trustee Fulmer reported that the Chief will be speaking with Council regarding annexations. The committee will be looking at annexation fees at its next meeting. Additionally, Trustee Fulmer requested the expenditure for the installation of an electronic sign for the Village Hall. There was a consensus of the Board to move forward with the electronic sign.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Elliott reported that a welcome letter for potential developers has been drafted. It will be sent to Ms. McArdle, who handles economic development, for her input, Clerk Thomas' review and then the Village President's signature before mailing takes place. He reported that the committee came up with some ideas for future improvements to parks, such as, a tennis/pickle ball court and band shell. Trustee Elliott pointed out that the School Districts have substantial funds in reserve and would like to see if they would be willing to help build facilities that would benefit the entire community.

POLICE/ADMINISTRATION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING: None.

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VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas reported that tentative 2020 Census figures indicate that the Village's population increased by 215 people resulting in the current population figure of 1,874 increasing to 2,089. It was noted that this will help bring additional tax revenue to the village.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Elliott announced that the "Dancing in the Streets" event will take place Friday, August 27th on E. Broadway St. beginning at 5:00 PM.

CLOSED SESSION: President Wardanian announced that the Board needed to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Approval/Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)).

Trustee Fulmer moved, seconded by Trustee Elliott to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Approval/Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, FULMER, KUNZ, PEILER, and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GARBIS. ABSTAIN: NONE. Motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:27 PM.

Roll call was then taken, present were President Wardanian, Trustees Elliott, Kunz, Peiler, Weiss, Police Chief/Village Administrator Cetrangolo, Attorney McArdle, and Clerk Thomas.

The Board reconvened at 7:39 PM.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: Clerk Thomas announced that she would prepare a Resolution for approval at the next Board meeting for the Closed Session minutes approved for release.

With no further business, Trustee Peiler moved to adjourn the August 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Kunz. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk