

# Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the November 4, 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, Gina Garbis, Craig Kunz, Frank Peiler, and Linda Weiss.

**ABSENT:** Trustee TJ Fulmer.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Administrator/Police Chief Cetrangolo (arrival at 7:12 PM), Attorney David McArdle, and Village Clerk Karla Thomas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Wardanian announced that the Final Prairieland Disposal Fall Leaf Vacuuming will take place on Friday, November 19, 2021.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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

- a. Motion to approve Regular Board Minutes for October 21, 2021
- b. Motion to approve the Event Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement for Bettina Mueller for Richmond's Veterans Day Event

*Trustee Kunz moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the consent agenda, Approve the Regular Board minutes for October 21, 2021, Approve the Event Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement for Bettina Mueller for Richmond's Veterans Day Event as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GARBIS, KUNZ, PEILER, and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Wardanian announced that the Finance Committee recommends the estimated amount of money to be levied for the 2021 Tax Levy in the aggregate amount of \$540,935.00.

*Trustee Kunz moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the estimated amount of money to be levied for the 2021 Tax Levy in the aggregate amount of \$540,935.00. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GARBIS, KUNZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

President Wardanian discussed an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the McHenry County Sheriff's Office for the Police Social Worker Program, subject to the Village Attorney review and approval, with the cost of the services not to exceed \$2,600.00, and authorization for the Village President to execute said IGA.

*Trustee Kunz moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve an IGA with the McHenry County Sheriff's Office for the Police Social Worker Program, subject to the Village Attorney review and approval, with the cost of the services not to exceed \$2,600.00, and authorization for the Village President to execute said IGA. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, GARBIS, KUNZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: FULMER. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

President Wardanian presented an IGA with the Department of Transportation for maintenance of traffic signals. Counsel addressed an issue with the IGA indemnification clause. He will reach out to the Department of Transportation to see if this can be amended.

*Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Garbis to approve entering into the IGA with the Department of Transportation for maintenance of traffic signals as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: GARBIS and PEILER. NAYS: ELLIOTT, KUNZ, and WEISS. ABSENT: FULMER. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion failed.*

President Wardanian requested approval of Nippersink Park Phases I and II Park Improvement Plan expenditures not to exceed \$100,000.00. Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo explained that the request was a result of saving money on purchases through the use of a grant that was available for a short period of time.

*Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve Nippersink Park Phases I & II Park Improvement Plan not to exceed \$100,000.00 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: ELLIOTT, GARBIS, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: KUNZ. ABSENT: FULMER. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

### COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**FINANCE:** None.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Trustee Elliott reported that Richmond's Veterans Day Event will be held on November 11, 2021 at 11:00 am at Stevens Park with coffee and donuts afterwards at the Hideaway Inn. He also reported that (57) developer packets were mailed out earlier in the week. Additionally, as work is being handled in house the committee would like to cancel the Piqued Interest Contract. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for action.

Trustee Weiss voiced concerns about the service recently provided by the driver of the refuse/recycling vehicle on her street in Sunset Ridge. Clerk Thomas will contact the contractor and address the matter with the company.

**POLICE/ADMINISTRATION:** Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo reported on the following items: The owner of the Water Tower Painting Company has acknowledged cancellation of the contract. PW Supervisor Schmitt will prepare specifications for re-bidding of the project. Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo announced that there was a meeting with the new refuse and recycling company. He noted that the company will honor the contract in place with no changes and that the new company should be a good fit. Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo reported that the Police Department received a "Thank You" from the RBCHS for their aid when a football player got

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hurt. Flight for Life transported the injured player. He announced that the Police Department Trunk or Treat event was a safe, well attended, good time and thanked those that participated. Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo presented proposals with colored renditions of four LED ground signs for the Village Hall. He requested that Board members review the information and be prepared to vote on the matter at the next meeting. Trustees were asked to email the Village Clerk with the sign/proposal they liked most, majority will rule.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:** None.

**VILLAGE CLERK:** Clerk Thomas reported that both the House and Senate have passed legislation that would allow non-home rule municipalities to increase video gaming stickers from \$25.00 for each terminal up to \$250.00. The Governor still needs to sign the bill to make it law. It was noted home rule municipalities already have the authority to charge \$1,000.00+ for stickers. Additionally, Clerk Thomas reported that she received official notice that the Village's population has increased from 1,874 to 2,089 residents based upon the 2020 Census. New population signs may be required.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Robert Schafer noted that he had a lot of fun with the Trunk or Treat event and suggested that the number of available spaces not be included in future promotion of the event, as he was surprised by the low participation.

Mr. Schafer also inquired into the status of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (part of the American Rescue Plan Program) the village was to receive. It was noted that one partial payment has been received and the second payment is due next year. The purposed use of the funds was for water meter replacements throughout the village; however, the village needed to get confirmation that the funds could be used for this purpose. It has been confirmed that the funds can be used for this purpose; however, no formal vote has taken place.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** None.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** Trustee Garbis voiced concerns about the increase in car break-ins. Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo reported that no windows were broken during the break-ins, individuals are going into unlocked vehicles. He encouraged vehicle owners keep their vehicles locked at all times and reported that this is a nationwide problem.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION:** None.

*With no further business, Trustee Garbis moved to adjourn the November 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Peiler. The motion was approved by voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk