

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the April 4, 2024 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: James Gerasco, Adam Metz, Frank Peiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: Trustee Craig Kunz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village Administrator/Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Supt. of PW Jon Schmitt, Mgmt. Analyst Kristen Murphy, Attorney Brandy Quance and Village Clerk Karla Thomas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: President Wardanian announced that Village Curbside Brush Pick-up Begins, Monday, April 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

President Wardanian requested that New Business item 8a be moved up on the agenda. The Board concurred.

NEW BUSINESS: Ryan Peterson from Epstein presented a PowerPoint regarding the Village of Richmond's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He explained what a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is, provided information on the Epstein Project Team and Steering Committee, reviewed the Role of the Village Board in the Plan, provided the Timeline (Data Analysis: Spring 2024; Public Engagement: Summer 2024; Draft Plan: Fall 2024; Final Plan and Approval: Winter 2025), discussed the 3-Phased Public Engagement Process, reviewed the Public Engagement Interactive Website for the project www.richmondbikeplan.com, addressed what Tactical Urbanism is and provided the Village's Proposed Example of Tactical Urbanism that will be displayed on W. Broadway and the intersection of US Route 12 on May 18th, reviewed the Outcomes of the project with examples from other projects Epstein has completed, discussed Current Conditions and Goals and reported that the next Steering Committee Meeting will take place in June. Upcoming Events that the Epstein Team will be present at in the Village are: Spring Wine Walk & Pedalpalooza (May 18th) with Tactical Urbanism Staging (the weekend of May 18th), Walking Tour (June 4th), and Bicycling Tour (June 22nd). Public input and participation is encouraged through use of the project website and attendance at upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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

- Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for March 21, 2024
- Motion to approve granting continued use of Village Hall by AA Group on Tuesday evenings from May 7, 2024 to April 30, 2025
- Proclamation announcing the month of May 2024 "Hope For The Day's Proactive Mental Health Awareness"
- Motion to ratify the execution of the Agreement for Mural Installation Between the Village of Richmond and Griff LLC of 5613 Broadway as part of the National Endowment for the Arts Grant

Trustee Metz moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to approve the consent agenda items 7a through 7d as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: GERASCO, METZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: KUNZ. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Wardanian presented a motion to approve the FY2024 Police Squad Upfitting by Ultra Strobe in the amount not to exceed \$15,119.46 within budgeted figure.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the FY2024 Police Squad Upfitting by Ultra Strobe in the amount not to exceed \$15,119.46 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: GERASCO, METZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: KUNZ. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian reported that the proposed Village of Richmond FY 2025 budget had been previously presented, questions from the Board have been answered. As there were no further questions from the Board, President Wardanian presented a motion to approve the Village of Richmond Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as presented.

Trustee Metz moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to approve the Village of Richmond Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: GERASCO, METZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: KUNZ. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: No report.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: Village Administrator/Chief had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Supt. Schmitt reported that the temporary water main installed at the NW corner of Mill St. and Rte. 12 is now active and will provide redundancy during the Water Tower Rehabilitation/Painting Projects. He also reported that staff attended a Pre-construction meeting with Baxter & Woodman and the Water Tower Contractors.

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas thanked Local Girl Scout Troop #13 for the cookie donations to Village Staff.

Clerk Thomas announced that the McHenry County Department of Health will be holding their 5th Annual Operation Dropbox Program during the month of May and the Village of Richmond will be participating again. A box will be located in the Village Hall lobby. Donated items, such as food and household goods support local veterans in need and are delivered to Veterans Path of Hope. Last year, Operation Dropbox supported 3,000 McHenry County Veterans and their families by collecting 5,466 pounds of donated goods from 28 donation boxes. Clerk Thomas encouraged everyone in the Village to help fill the box again this year for this worthy cause.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Wardanian congratulated Village Attorney, Brandy Quance, who was made Partner at the Village's Law Firm Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle, earlier in the day. Others present also congratulated Ms. Quance.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Gerasco reported that LRS had not picked up garage in the Hillview Subdivision. Clerk Thomas reported that it could be due to other LRS contracted municipalities flooding issues. She will look into the matter.

Trustee Peiler reported on a situation he witnessed on East Street in the posted No Parking area. President Wardanian responded that the No Parking area situation will be reviewed and reconsidered. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy suggested that signage be replaced with possible Peak Hour signage.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Peiler moved to adjourn the April 4, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Weiss. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk