

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the June 6, 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, Craig Kunz (left at 7:38 PM), Adam Metz, Frank Peiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: None.

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

MOTION FOR ADVICE, CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO FILL VACANT TRUSTEE POSITION WITH ADMINISTRATION OF OATH:

A brief discussion took place between the Appointee Jerry Garbis and the Board Trustees.

Trustee Metz moved to approve the appointment by the Village President to fill the vacant Trustee position with Jerry Garbis; however, due to a lack of a second the motion failed.

President Wardanian reported that she would be presenting another individual for the appointment at the next Board Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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

- a. Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for May 16, 2024

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

NEW BUSINESS: Mgmt. Analyst Murphy provided a PowerPoint presentation of mural designs, three (3) for the Broadway site and three (3) for the Main Street site. She reported that approximately (40) submissions were received. Mgmt. Analysis Murphy asked for direction from the Board, in order to have contracts drafted and brought back to the Board for approval. The Board reviewed the mural designs for Broadway and the majority selected Option B; however, all suggested that the verbiage "Richmond, Illinois" be added. The Board then reviewed the mural designs for the Main Street site and they unanimously selected Option B.

Supt. Schmitt presented an update on the 2024 Road Resurfacing Program. He reported that \$450,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds (five years of MFT funds and the Build Illinois award) were budgeted for the program leaving a \$35,000.00 balance in the MFT fund. After some discussion, the Board directed Supt. Schmitt to alter the Base Bid to include not only the Village's portion of Kuhn Rd. and Cunat Blvd., but additionally Nippersink Dr. Supt. Schmitt pointed out that this change would result in an over expenditure of funds. The Board agreed to sacrifice funding of Bennett Park improvements in the General Fund in order to repair these roadways, as prices keep going up and the Village cannot keep up will road improvements using only MFT funds. Another source of revenue is needed to maintain the road program. A separate option including Maiden Ln and Golf Ave/North Dr. will also be put out to bid. Provided with direction Supt. Schmitt reported that advertising in the IDOT Bulletin would take place June 13th, a Bid Opening on June 27th, and Board Approval on July 18th.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: President Wardanian and Trustee Weiss reported that the Memorial Day event went well and thanked those who helped out. Trustee Peiler reported that the Car Show event was rescheduled due to weather and will take place on Saturday, June 29th. Again, Trustees Weiss and Peiler asked for help from the other Board Members. Trustee Gerasco and President Wardanian stated that they would be willing to help out.

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ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: Village Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo reported that the plaque was ordered for McConnell Park and should arrive about June 28th. Additionally, he reported that the Police Department had received \$27,252.00 in grant money from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for body camera funding.

PUBLIC WORKS: Supt. Schmitt reported that the Public Works Department had installed the new park signs at Bennett and McConnell, which look great. They still have the Cotting Park sign to install. A contractor will begin jetting and televising sanitary sewer lines in the Hillview Subdivision aka May Subdivision soon. A curtain will be going up on the South Water Tower as part of the maintenance and repainting project. Well 2 is down due to an electrical issue with the motor and the soonest the contractor can get out to fix it is this coming Saturday, so due to the importance he will be paying the overtime rate.

VILLAGE CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Weiss commended the Code Enforcement Officer for his diligence regarding a sidewalk safety issue and addressing the Remax Sign condition in the Sunset Ridge Subdivision. Trustee Gerasco expressed his pleasure in seeing the mulch pile and log debris being removed from the SW corner of Rte. 31 and Tryon Grove Road.

Trustee Metz requested that a wayfaring sign be installed at McConnell Park as individuals are having difficulty locating the Kayak launch.

Supt. Schmitt reported that he is gathering tree removal prices.

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

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to convene into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 12/2(c)(21)) Approval/Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes. ROLL CALL: AYES: GERASCO, METZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: KUNZ. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:58 PM.

Upon returning from Closed Session, roll call was then taken. Present were President Wardanian, Trustees: Gerasco, Metz, Peiler, and Weiss, Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo, Attorney Quance and Clerk Thomas. Trustee Kunz was absent.

The Board reconvened at 8:04 PM.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: *Trustee Metz moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to approve and release the Closed Session Minutes of December 21, 2023 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: GERASCO, METZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: KUNZ. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.* Clerk Thomas announced that she would prepare a Resolution for the action taken, which will be on the next board agenda.

With no further business, Trustee Weiss moved to adjourn the June 6, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Gerasco. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk