

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the June 20, 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, Adam Metz, Frank Peiler (left at 7:14 PM) and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: 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: President Wardanian announced that she was nominating Robert Elliott to fill the vacant Trustee position. Trustee Kunz inquired into how many people had submitted their names for the position. President Wardanian reported (4) four.

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the appointment by the Village President to fill the vacant Trustee position with Robert Elliott. ROLL CALL: AYES: GERASCO, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: KUNZ and METZ. The motion carried.

Clerk Thomas then administered the Oath of Office and Robert Elliott took his seat.

PUBLIC HEARING-FYE 2025 Appropriation Ordinance: President Wardanian asked for a motion to open the public hearing regarding the Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year ending 2025.

Trustee Gerasco moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to open the public hearing. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, KUNZ, METZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

The hearing opened at 7:03 PM. President Wardanian announced that the Appropriation Ordinance served as a limit on what may be spent during the current fiscal year. The ordinance is inflated between 50-100% over the General Corporate Budget, which is used for unforeseen emergencies and expenses that arise during the year. The total estimated revenues are \$5,311,266 with expenditures of \$8,482,967. President Wardanian asked if anyone from the public or the Board had any questions. Trustee Metz questioned the amount appropriated in the MFT Fund, as at the previous meeting the Board discussed spending over \$485,000. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that a budget amendment would be made after the bid opening and additional funding would come from the General Fund and not the MFT Fund. President Wardanian remarked that if the additional option presented could increase the Road Program by an additional \$123,000 that would also be funding through the General Fund and not the MFT Fund. Clerk Thomas reported that she believes that due to the inflated figures in the General Fund the appropriation ordinance would cover the expense and Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that the Village had sufficient funds available to make the expenditure. Clerk Thomas reported that if need be a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance could be issued. President Wardanian then asked if there were any other questions. Trustee Elliott questioned the Park CIF line item and it was explained that those funds were for one park improvement; however, President Wardanian confirmed that the Board discussed the possibility to defer the Park CIF money to the Road Program to help offset the expense if needed. Trustee Elliott asked if we had bids for the concrete work. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported no bids had been issued as it was a small amount and not the entire walking path. President Wardanian reported that staff hoped to get the path materials donated. President Wardanian asked if there were any further questions. Trustee Gerasco wanted to know if the Police Department was fully staffed and if the appropriated amount was enough. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that Chief budgeted an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) with the school reimbursement, as well as additional part-time officers. Clerk Thomas reported that what was appropriated for the Police Department would cover those expenditures. As there were no further questions from the public or the board, President Wardanian asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Kunz to close the public hearing as there were no further questions from the public or the board. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, KUNZ, METZ, PEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

The hearing was closed at 7:13 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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

- a. Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for June 6, 2024
- b. Motion to authorize the Expenditure of Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 24/25.02 in the amount not to exceed \$192,783.49
- c. Motion to approve an Ordinance Make Appropriations for General Corporate Purposes for the Village of Richmond for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2025
- d. Motion to approve a Resolution regarding approval and release of closed session minutes
- e. Motion to approve the Agreement for Mural with Artist Lynda Wallis, which includes payment in the amount of \$10,000 for the mural shown on Exhibit A to the Agreement to be located at 5613 W Broadway Street, and authorizing the Village President to sign said Agreement
- f. Motion to approve the Agreement for Mural with Lexi Lesko, which includes payment in the amount of \$10,000 for the mural shown on Exhibit A to the Agreement to be located at 10314 N Main Street, and authorizing the Village President to sign said Agreement

Trustee Kunz questioned whether the artists were provided copies of the agreements to review. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that they had not. Trustee Kunz voiced concerns about the artists' loss of all their associated rights of ownership and creative rights. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that these conditions were part of the application submittal process, which the artists were required to accept upon submission. If they do not accept them, the Board will select different artists' submissions.

Trustee Elliott asked if the Broadway Street mural was going to be free standing. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy replied yes, due to concerns about damaging the property owners vinyl siding. The property owner has already signed an agreement for the mural to be place on his property. Both murals will be free standing.

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Wardanian presented a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 Traffic, Section 15.11(b), No Parking Zones of the Richmond Municipal Code. President Wardanian noted that the only changes were in red and was a result of issues during game days and tournaments. Several Board members asked what the issues were that was creating the restricted parking. President Wardanian reported that when parents and visitors come to the events there are so many cars some park haphazardly, on people's lawns and on both sides of the street, which creates a safety issue. She noted that they should be parking at the front of the school, as they are playing on the school's property and part of the problem is lack of communication to visitors to address where parking should take place. The coaches and parents have been informed of the parking requirements and residents should be happy.

Trustee Metz moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 Traffic, Section 15.11(b), No Parking Zones of the Richmond Municipal Code as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, KUNZ, METZ and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: PEILER. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Weiss reported that a second meeting took place for the rescheduled Car Show event to make sure everyone who is helping with the event knows what to do. Trustee Gerasco was thanked for helping with the event.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: President Wardanian reported there was no report as the Police Chief/Village Administrator was not present.

Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that Dunkin Donuts has remobilized and broke ground today.

PUBLIC WORKS: None.

VILLAGE CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Wardanian welcomed back Robert Elliott as Trustee.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Gerasco noticed the work being performed by the Public Works Department earlier in the week on the two (2) May Avenue sewer main collapses. It was noted that Public Works Staff did a great job in the extremely hot weather.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

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ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Gerasco moved to adjourn the June 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Metz. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk