

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the September 18, 2025 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, Adam Metz, Frank Peiler, Jason Weiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: Trustee Lauri Cook.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village Administrator/Police Chief Cetrangolo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: President Wardanian announced that LRS Curbside Electronics Pickup will take place on Thursday, October 2, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bob Stevens inquired about the gate on the south side of the middle school. Chief Cetrangolo explained that it is part of the school's emergency egress plan. Mr. Stevens also requested permission to trim branches in Stevens Park. The board reached a consensus that this was permissible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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

- a. Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for August 21, 2025
- b. Motion to authorize the Expenditure of Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 25/26.05 in the amount not to exceed \$162,210.28

Trustee Weiler moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve the consent agenda item 7a and 7b as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, METZ, PEILER, WEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: COOK. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: Village Administrator Cetrangolo reported that staff is proposing a trial in which the Village would absorb credit card fees for online water bill payments, providing added convenience for residents. Data collected during trial will help assess usage patterns and inform for the next budget cycle. Staff will also research new software and compare credit card processing rates to secure the most favorable terms. The board reached consensus to proceed with this trial.

PUBLIC WORKS: None.

VILLAGE CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Wardanian stated that the Homecoming Parade was a success, with a larger turnout than last year, and thanked the police department for their coordination and execution of the event.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Weiler noted that the parade went well and echoed the observation of increased attendance.

Trustee Elliott request staff to obtain budget estimates for the construction of the proposed Armed Forces Memorial, based on the previously presented concept, as well as cost information for relocating the memorial stones from Stevens Park to the new memorial site.

Trustee Weiler also requested that staff research possible designs for new village entrance signs and provide related budget information.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

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With no further business, Trustee Peller moved to adjourn the September 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Weiss. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk