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Village President Toni Wardanian called the October 2, 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: Lauri Cook, Robert Elliott, Adam Metz, Frank Peiler, Jason Weiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village Administrator/Police Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Mgmt. Analyst Kristen Murphy and Attorney Brandy Quance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: President Wardanian announced that the Richmond Police Department Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2024 from 1-3 PM at the Village Hall.

President Wardanian announced that Village-wide Trick or Treat Hours will take place on Friday, October 31, 2024 from 4-7 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jerry and Gina Garbis identified themselves as residents and business owners of the Brathaus in downtown Richmond. Jerry Garbis asked for consideration again for 2 hour parking on residential streets in downtown. He said that there were too many cars there for 6-8 hours during events, including contractors. Specifically, this was occurring on E. Broadway. The new parking lot hasn't helped a ton on the East side of the street and they are bringing this back up after they were told to wait a little as a trial period to see if it would help.

President Wardanian agreed and said she would bring it back up for discussion.

Trustee Elliott asked which streets specifically. Jerry Garbis replied all downtown, but mostly E. Broadway. Gina Garbis shared similar thoughts and elaborated on the challenges as a small business owner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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

- a. Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for September 18, 2025
- b. Motion to grant permission to Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to conduct Annual Cookie Program from January-March 2026 in the Village of Richmond
- c. Motion to approve a Resolution Assuring Financial Commitment for the Safe Routes to School Project to Rehabilitate the George Street Bridge and Create Accessible Connections to Local Schools, R2025-05

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Wardanian tabled the Development Agreement for The Townhomes at Sunset Ridge in Richmond, McHenry County, Illinois and said they would bring it back up at the Special Board Meeting to be held Monday, October 6, 2025.

President Wardanian presented a motion for the village to absorb credit card fees for online water bill payments on a trial basis. She clarified this is for the kiosk period in the office.

Trustee Metz moved, seconded by Trustee Cook for the village to absorb credit card fees for online water bill payments on a trial basis as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: METZ, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK, and ELLIOTT. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Elliott announced that the Veterans Day event will take place at Stevens Park on November 11, 2025 at 11 AM.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: Village Administrator Cetrangolo reported about the Landmark project/J28 engineer report and about the status of the George St. Bridge grant project. The George St. Bridge is closed until engineers look at it and it will stay closed until findings are clear or some repairs are made.

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Village Administrator Cetrangolo also reported a resident left a note about the new concrete game tables saying they were nice and they enjoyed Bennett Park.

PUBLIC WORKS: President Wardanian reported that public works is working hard.

VILLAGE CLERK: Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported on behalf of Village Clerk Thomas that she and the volunteers have begun working on the 55th Annual Christmas of Yesteryear event scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9 AM to 2 PM at The District.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Peiler moved to adjourn the October 2, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk