

# Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the November 20, 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, Attorney Brandy Quance and Village Clerk Karla Thomas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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

- Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for October 16, 2025
- Motion to authorize the Expenditure of Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 25/26.07 in the amount not to exceed \$530,657.42

*Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the consent agenda item 7a and 7b 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 presented a motion to approve the General Liability/Workers Compensation/Cyber Liability Insurance proposal totaling an estimated \$261,356.00 from Arthur J. Gallagher and Authorize the Village President to sign contract documents. Village Administrator Cetrangolo explained the insurance rates have increased due to market shifts and our loss ratio.

*Trustee Metz moved, seconded by Trustee Elliott to approve the General Liability/Workers Compensation/Cyber Liability Insurance proposal totaling an estimated \$261,356.00 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, METZ, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve An Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Village of Richmond for the Year 2025. She noted that this reflects a flat levy.

*Trustee Metz moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve An Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Village of Richmond for the Year 2025 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: METZ, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK and ELLIOTT. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Article 7.1, Parks, Schools and Public Area Contribution, Section 7.1.5(C), Fire Protection Contribution, and 7.1.6 (A), Library Donation, of the Richmond Unified Development Ordinance.

*Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Weiler to approve an Ordinance Amending Article 7.1, Parks, Schools and Public Area Contribution, Section 7.1.5(C), Fire Protection Contribution, and 7.1.6 (A), Library Donation, of the Richmond Unified Development Ordinance as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK, ELLIOTT and METZ. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

### COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Trustee Elliott reported on the Veterans Day Event and thanked The Hiway Inn for hosting, Riiverside Bakery for donation of donuts, Richmond Dunkin for the donation of coffee, Blaise Mollet (Music Director), Aaron Gress (Bugler), Grayson Gonzalez (Vocalist) and everyone else that assisted in making it a success.

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICE:** Village Administrator/Police Chief provided the following updates/information:

- IDOT will initiate a preliminary engineering and environmental (Phase 1) study to evaluate the existing conditions and potential improvement alternatives along the US 12 corridor from Wilson Road to Swallow Ridge Drive; however, improvements are not currently

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included in the Department's FY 2026-2031 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. This project will be included in IDOT's priorities for future funding consideration.

- Due to the Village's recent pedestrian/bicycling project, a bicycling organization headed by a local professional triathlete is interested in hosting an event to draw hundreds of cycling enthusiasts from across the region with the Village of Richmond as the epicenter. Administrator Cetrangolo asked if the Village Board would be interested in working with this organization to execute a plan. The Board agreed to be involved in this event.
- The Village Engineers reported that the Village's IEPA Loan/Grant Application was denied; however, our engineers will resubmit the application in the next round of funding.
- An Ordinance to modify the Municipal Code will need to be implemented for overnight parking in the Municipal Parking Lots for residents that live above the downtown businesses and will require parking permits to be issued at no charge.
- An Ordinance to change Park Hours will be required for the Ice Skating Rink to be installed at McConnell Park.
- A current bill limiting municipal control and regulations regarding solar energy systems has been sent to the Governor to sign. President Wardanian reported that the Illinois Municipal League (IML), McHenry County Council of Governments (MCCG), Illinois Mayors and Presidents are opposed to this legislation and will be sending letters to the Governor to encourage him to not sign the bill into law. President Wardanian encouraged Board Members that are opposed to this legislation to call McHenry County Board Members for our District, such as Carl Kamienski and Springfield to let them know of their objection to this bill.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** President Wardanian reported that public works has been installing lighting downtown. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that public works completed the replacement of a fire hydrant on Valley Drive and continued televising sewer lines.

**VILLAGE CLERK:** Village Clerk Thomas reported that the volunteer group has continued to work on Christmas of Yesteryear and she has begun preparing for next year's event.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** President Wardanian thanked the Community Development Community for the Veterans Day Event.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** Trustee Cook requested that the intersection of May Avenue and Nippersink Drive be made a 4-way stop instead of installing a speed bump. Police Chief Cetrangolo will have the Public Works Department install stop signs to make it a 4-way stop intersection.

Trustees Elliott and Peiler voiced concerns regarding the 2-hour parking restriction in the downtown business district. It was noted that public works has installed new 7 foot poles with larger high reflective signage in the area. No further action will be taken regarding this matter.

Trustee Peiler requested that public works install new Municipal Parking Lot signs with high visibility to help people locate the parking lots.

Trustee Elliott voiced concerns about signage implemented in the Historic District without going through the proper process for approval. Village staff will work on creating and notifying businesses within the Historic District on requirements.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION:** None.

*With no further business, Trustee Weiler moved to adjourn the November 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Peiler. The motion was approved by voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk