

Village of Richmond

INCORPORATED 1872

Village President Toni Wardanian called the March 19, 2026 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, Frank Peiler, Jason Weiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village Administrator/Police Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Management 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 presented James Gerasco to fill the vacant Trustee position.

A motion was made by Trustee Weiss, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the appointment of James Gerasco to fill the vacant Trustee position as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: COOK, ELLIOTT, PEILER, WEILER, AND WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried. Clerk Thomas administered the Oath of Office and Trustee Gerasco took his seat. He was welcomed back by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: President Wardanian announced that LRS Curbside Electronics Pickup will take place on Thursday, April 2nd and LRS Curbside Yard Waste begins on Thursday, April 2nd, as well. It was noted that two (2) free bags of yard waste each week are included in the Waste Contract, additional bags require Yard Waste Stickers available for purchase through LRS.

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 February 19, 2026
- b. Motion to approve Expenditure of Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 25/26.11 in the amount not to exceed \$143,130.83
- c. Motion to approve a Special Use Liquor License to International House of Wine & Cheese for the Spring Wine Walk to be held Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 12:30-5:00 pm at various locations
- d. Motion to approve a Resolution in Support of Passenger Rail Service to the Village of Richmond

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Wardanian presented a motion to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee for (2) two window sign variances regarding Jamie's Country Kitchen located at 11302 US Rte. 12. Trustee Elliott reported that the committee recommends the variances for Jamie's Country Kitchen window signs.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee regarding Jamie's Country Kitchen variances for (2) two window signs located at 11302 US Rte. 12 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee for a window sign variance and historical appearance review regarding 555 Tatoo located at 5613 Broadway St. Trustee Elliott reported that the committee recommends the variance for 555 Tatoo window sign.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Weiler to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee regarding 555 Tatoo variance for a window sign located at 5613 Broadway St. as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 Traffic, Section 15.12(d)(2) Municipal Parking Lots of the Richmond Municipal Code. Chief Cetrangolo explained that this would require residents living above stores to apply for a no fee parking permit, which will help during snowplowing events, special events, etc. The village would then have a way to contact these residents.

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Trustee Gerasco moved, seconded by Trustee Elliott to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 Traffic, Section 15.12(d)(2) Municipal Parking Lots of the Richmond Municipal Code as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 15.10(a), of the Richmond Municipal Code regarding speed limits. Chief Cetrangolo stated the speed limit on U.S. Route 12 at Burlington Road is 45 mph, while Burlington Road is currently posted at 55 mph. The amendment would reduce the speed limit on Burlington Road to 45 mph to conform with Route 12 and improve safety.

Trustee Weiler moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 Traffic, Section 15.10(a) Speed Limits of the Richmond Municipal Code as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to award bid to Langton Group in a not to exceed amount of \$28,215.08 for FY2027.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to award bid to Langton Group in a not to exceed amount of \$28,215.08 for FY2027 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to authorize Jon Schmitt, Supt. of Public Works to sign PO#PW2027-1 to Langton Group for Contracted Mowing Services in a not to exceed amount of \$28,215.08 for FY2027.

Trustee Weiler moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to authorize Jon Schmitt, Supt. of Public Works to sign PO#PW2027-1 to Langton Group for Contracted Mowing Services in a not to exceed amount of \$28,215.08 for FY2027 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

Village Administrator Ciro Cetrangolo initiated discussion regarding properties not currently annexed into the Village and requested Board consensus to authorize staff, including the Village President, Village Administrator, and Management Analyst, to explore flexibility in annexation fees. He stated that staff would send letters to and meet with owners of potential non-annexed properties. There was Board consensus.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Elliott reported that the St. Patrick's Day event went well and thanked Ms. Murphy and everyone that helped with the event. The shamrock located at Stevens Park was a wonderful addition.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: Village Administrator/Police Chief turned the floor over to Mgmt. Analyst Murphy:

- Ms. Murphy reported on planning for the Village's America250 celebration in coordination with the Fire Department and Anderson's Candy Shop, both of which are celebrating their 100th anniversaries. She stated that the re-establishment of Richmond Round-Up Days is being planned in conjunction with these events for June 27 and 28. Planned activities include opening the time capsule and soliciting new items for placement, installation of a lighted American flag at Stevens Park, a parade, a street dance on E. George Street with three to four bands, and activities on Anderson's Candy Shop's front lawn. Ms. Murphy also requested volunteers to assist with the event. She advised that the event budget is \$10,000 and requested Board authorization to expend funds for deposits to begin booking entertainment. There was Board consensus to authorize the necessary expenditures for entertainment bookings.
- Ms. Murphy reported that the Village has identified 120 lead service lines requiring replacement beginning in 2027, with approximately 10% to be completed annually. She stated that several homeowners with low water pressure and lead service lines have inquired about responsibility for replacement costs, and she recommended that the Village establish Lead Service Line Guidelines. She noted that priority consideration could be given to residences meeting certain criteria, including PSI and homes with children under age six. Ms. Murphy further explained that once a lead service line is cut, the Village has 30 days to remove and replace it. She stated that the Village should cover the full cost of replacement and is pursuing grant funding to assist with the expense for all affected properties.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Department has been busy with snow removal and daily duties.

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas announced that Jeff Thurwell, upon the recent passing of his mother Barb Flynn, has gifted the Village with an 1896 photo album of Richmond in memory of Ed & Barb Flynn who owned Ed's Antiques in Richmond (located in the Richmond Café building). Clerk Thomas thanked the Thurwell Family for the wonderful piece of Richmond history that will go into the Village's Historical Records Collection.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Wardanian announced that she had received an email inquiring into whether the village would host a block party. She reported that she responded to the inquiry notifying the individual that the village will be re-establishing Richmond's Round-up Days.

President Wardanian read an email received by Jeanne Doyle regarding the 2-hour parking and how it is affecting her business and private parking lot. It was determined that the limited parking hours would not be changed and as Ms. Doyle's parking lot is private, she has the right to tow the vehicles that are not owned by her patrons.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Gerasco moved to adjourn the March 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Cook. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karla L. Thomas, cmc".

Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk