

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the May 7, 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, James Gerasco, Frank Peiler, Jason Weiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village Administrator/Police Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Asst. Village Administrator Kristen Murphy, Attorney Brandy Quance and Village Clerk Karla Thomas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: President Wardanian announced that the LRS Spring Curbside Leaf Vacuuming will take place on Friday, May 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Kerpel, owner of Furever Home Dog Sanctuary distributed informational flyers about his plans for the facility. They will house dog rescues, prepare dogs by training them for rehoming and adoption. He plans to have the facility ready to open by the end of the year. Additionally, they are looking for volunteers to help with the dogs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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

- a. Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for April 16, 2026
- b. Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2027 Appointments by Village President
- c. Motion to approve the Amended Fiscal Year 2027 Meeting Dates to Include the Plan Commission
- d. Motion to approve & authorize the Village President to sign the George Roach & Associates Fiscal Year 2027 Financial Consulting Contract not to exceed \$5,000.00
- e. Motion to approve & authorize the Village President to sign the GWA Audit Letter of Understanding for year ending April 30, 2026 not to exceed \$22,250.00
- f. Proclamation announcing National Police Week, May 11-16, 2026
- g. Proclamation announcing National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2026 "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community"
- h. Proclamation announcing ALS Awareness Month, May 2026
- i. Motion to authorize the Police Chief to expend Police fund for items within the FY27 budget that exceeds purchasing authority for the following items/services, at not to exceed amounts and waive formal bid process:
 - \$90,427.00 Dispatching Services (By Contract)
 - \$69,576.00 Police Vehicle (Purchased thru State Bid)
 - \$21,000.00 Flock Cameras
 - \$15,000.00 Police Radio's
 - \$8,500.00 Data Storage for Body Cameras
- j. Motion to authorize the Village Clerk to spend Administrative funds for items within the FY27 budget that exceeds purchasing authority for the following items/services, at not to exceed amounts and waive formal bid process:
 - \$35,160.00 Replacement of (2) Furnaces
 - \$5,000.00 ClearForms Workflow Software
- k. Motion to authorize the Supt. of PW to spend funds for items within the FY27 budget that exceeds purchasing authority for the following items/services, at not to exceed amounts and waive formal bid process:
 - \$75,000.00 Truck Replacement with Snow Plow (Streets)
 - \$28,500.00 Sidewalk Maintenance Repairs (Streets)
 - \$20,316.00 Salt (Purchased thru Lake/McHenry County Bid) (Streets)
 - \$15,000.00 Contracted Tree Service Tree Removal Misc. (Streets)
 - \$15,500.00 Painting Cotting Park Pavilion (Parks)
 - \$30,000.00 Maintenance Utility Lines (Water)
 - \$45,000.00 Sanitary Sewer Main Line Repair due to Infiltration (Sewer)

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- \$30,000.00 Installation of Kuhn Rd. Standby Generator Replacement (Sewer)
 - \$25,000.00 SCADA Workstation Upgrade at Wastewater Treatment Plant (Sewer)
 - \$25,000.00 Sanitary Sewer Collection System-Jetting & Televising (Sewer)
 - \$16,000.00 Aerator Bearing Replacement at Wastewater Treatment Plant (Sewer)
 - \$15,000.00 Repair Drive Unit on Clarifier at Wastewater Treatment Plant (Sewer)
- I. Motion to authorize the Chair of the Community Development Committee to spend funds for items within the FY27 budget that exceeds purchasing authority for the following items/services, at a not to exceed amounts:
- \$10,000.00 CDC Façade/ADA Program
- m. Motion to approve the Agreement for the FY26 Façade/ADA Improvement Program with Anderson's Candy Shop located at 10301 N Main St., which includes payment in a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 upon completion of improvement and authorizing the Village President to sign said Agreement
- n. Motion to approve the Agreement for the FY26 Façade/ADA Improvement Program with Olive Black Martini Lounge located at 5607 Broadway St., which includes payment in a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 upon completion of improvement and authorizing the Village President to sign said Agreement
- o. Motion to approve a Resolution of the Village of Richmond in Support of Municipal Housing Authority

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to approve the consent agenda item 7a through 7o 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 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Waterworks and Sewage System, Regarding Section 5.03(a)(2) Water Service Rates and Section 5.03(c)(1) Sewer Service of the Richmond Municipal Code.

Trustee Weiler moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Waterworks and Sewage System, Regarding Section 5.03(a)(2) Water Service Rates and Section 5.03(c)(1) Sewer Service 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 approve a Petition for Reclassification and Zoning Map Amendment by Aratlakov Empire, LLC relating to 5700 Walnut Street for change of zoning from Industrial (T-6) to General Business (GB) to allow a Membership Sport and Recreation Club.

Trustee Gerasco moved, seconded by Trustee Weiler to approve a Petition for Reclassification and Zoning Map Amendment by Aratlakov Empire, LLC relating to 5700 Walnut Street for change of zoning from Industrial (T-6) to General Business (GB) to allow a Membership Sport and Recreation Club as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK and ELLIOTT. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve a Petition for Text Amendments by the Village of Richmond Sections 1.3.3, 4.2.6, 4.6.1, 5.2.1, 6.2.2, and 6.5.1.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve a Petition for Text Amendments by the Village of Richmond Sections 1.3.3, 4.2.6, 4.6.1, 5.2.1, 6.2.2, and 6.5.1 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK and GERASCO. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: ELLIOTT. The motion carried.

Attorney Quance announced that the Rider for the KLM Development Agreement is being completed.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the Rider for the KLM Development Agreement subject to the Village Administrator's approval. ROLL CALL: AYES: WEILER, WEISS, COOK, ELLIOTT, GERASCO and PEILER. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustees Elliott and Weiss reported that the Memorial Day Event is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am on Monday, May 25th and will take place at Stevens Park. Afterwards coffee and donuts (extra 1 dozen donated by Richmond Dunkin) will be served at Richmond Café.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: Village Administrator/Police Chief reported on the following Police Matters and Administrative Matters:

- The Police Department has received grants for radios, body cameras and an IDOT Safety grant to help fund overtime for additional patrolling.

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- The schools have promoted the Police Department in their newsletters.
- Tom, the RGS PTO winner will received a ride to school in the front seat of a squad car.
- Walk/Bike to School will take place on Tuesday, May 12th, anyone interested in participating should be at the Municipal Parking Lot at 8:00 am.
- Cop on a Roof Top will take place at Richmond Dunkin Donuts on Friday, May 15th from 5:00 am-Noon, which helps to raise money for the Special Olympics Illinois. Please come out to support/donate to this worthwhile event.
- This year the Village offered several health insurance plans to the staff, which saved \$50,000.00 this year. Next year he reported that the Village will look into Level Funded Plans. He suggested as a benefit to staff this year a \$35-\$65 one-time, one-year reimbursement for using virtual visits. The Board was in favor of this one year benefit to employees.
- Announced his privilege of promoting Kristen Murphy to Assistance Village Administrator. Everyone congratulated her on the well-deserved promotion.
- Asst. Administrator Murphy reported that the Spring Wine Walk will take place on Saturday, May 16th with the Village having a table to hand out water to participants.

PUBLIC WORKS: Asst. Village Administrator Murphy reported that Public Works has replaced the first two lead lines (1) commercial and (1) residential as a test. There were no problems leaving 118 lines to be replaced. The Village is still waiting to hear about the grant funding for this project. Asst. Administrator Murphy also has been in contact with IDOT regarding a lighted crosswalk at South Street and a marked crosswalk at George Street.

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas asked for a consensus of the Board to permit the Johnson Family to use a portion of Stevens Park for a Lemonade Stand to fund raise for their 3-year old son who is battling Leukemia. They would like to fund raise during Richmond's Roundup Days, Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. There was a consensus of the Board.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Wardanian reported that she had given a speech before the Illinois Council of Realtors explaining House Bill 5626 referred to as the BUILD (Building Up Illinois Developments) Act, which will limit local control on zoning issues. She asked the Board Members to contact our local legislators to let them know they are opposed to this bill. President Wardanian also reported that IML (Illinois Municipal League) has developed their own REAL (Reducing Expenses and Advancing Local) Housing Act, which still does not solve local government control on zoning.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Weiler reported that the Village needs to purchase and install more bicycle racks downtown. Asst. Administrator Murphy suggested purchasing two bike racks and installing them between the two parking lots downtown. Trustee Weiler also reported on graffiti located on the concrete walls on the MCCD Prairie Trail. Administrator Cetrangolo asked for volunteers to help paint over the graffiti. Trustee Gerasco reported that he has access to a commercial sprayer, but would need a generator and power source. Trustees Weiler and Gerasco along with Clerk Thomas offered to help paint. Long Ladder will be needed.

Trustee Elliott asked if the Village has a SRO (School Resource Officer) at the High School. Chief Cetrangolo responded that the Village does and it is going well. Trustee Elliott also inquired into whether the Village is a member of the 100 Club. Asst. Administrator Murphy reported that the dues would be on the next warrant.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Weiss moved to adjourn the May 7, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Cook. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk