

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the May 21, 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: James Gerasco.

OTHERS PRESENT: Asst. Village Administrator Kristen Murphy and Attorney Brandy Quance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None.

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 May 7, 2026
- b. Motion to approve the Expenditure of Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 26/27.01 in the amount not to exceed \$496,280.84
- c. Motion to approve the use of 5218 Nippersink Drive for a Community Garden with signed waivers by participants

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Wardanian presented a motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Richmond and Robert Heaney Relative to 8621 US Highway 12. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Richmond and Robert Heaney Relative to 8621 US Highway 12 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GERASCO. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve an Ordinance Annexing the Property Located at 8621 US Highway 12 to the Village of Richmond, Illinois. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Weiler to approve an Ordinance Annexing the Property Located at 8621 US Highway 12 to the Village of Richmond, Illinois as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK and ELLIOTT. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GERASCO. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve an Ordinance granting the Petition for Reclassification and Zoning Map Amendment by Robert Heaney relating to 8621 US Highway 12 for change of zoning from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to General Business (GB). There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to approve an Ordinance granting the Petition for Reclassification and Zoning Map Amendment by Robert Heaney relating to 8621 US Highway 12 for change of zoning from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to General Business (GB) as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GERASCO. ABSTAIN: ELLIOTT. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Richmond and Gary and Lisa Leker Relative to 4816 Kuhn Road. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Richmond and Gary and Lisa Liker Relative to 4816 Kuhn Road as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: WEILER, WEISS, COOK, ELLIOTT and PEILER. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GERASCO. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve an Ordinance Annexing the Property Located at 4816 Kuhn Road to the Village of Richmond, Illinois. There were on questions or comments from the Board.

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Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Weiler to approve an Ordinance Annexing the Property Located at 4816 Kuhn Road to the Village of Richmond, Illinois as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: WEISS, COOK, ELLIOTT, PEILER, and WEILER. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GERASCO. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve an Ordinance granting the Petition for a Use Variance by Gary and Lisa Leker relating to 4816 Kuhn Road to allow a non-commercial farm use as a permitted use for the subject property. Trustee Elliott asked for clarification if the farm use continued if the Leker's subdivided and developed the parcel. The answer was no.

Trustee Weiler moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve an Ordinance granting the Petition for a Use Variance by Gary and Lisa Leker relating to 4816 Kuhn Road to allow a non-commercial farm use as a permitted use for the subject property as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: WEISS, COOK, ELLIOTT, PEILER, and WEILER. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GERASCO. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

Trustee Elliott reported that the Community Development Committee met and approved all signs variances except the Permanent Ground Sign, which they recommended the maximum height of 19 feet.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee regarding all sign variances for Culver's to be located at 11011 US Route 12 with the exception of the Permanent Ground Sign restricted to a maximum of 19 feet. ROLL CALL: AYES: COOK, ELLIOTT, PEILER, WEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: GERASCO. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustees Elliott reported Memorial Day is Monday May 25th at 10:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be served at Richmond Café who are opening especially for the event following the service. Richmond Dunkin donated a portion of the donuts.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: Assistant Village Administrator Murphy reported on the following Matters:

- Cop on a Roof Top which took place at Richmond Dunkin Donuts was a great success.
- The American250 event is in the planning stage with many activities planned.
- Additional Bike Racks will be installed downtown per Trustee Weiler's suggestion.

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Staff have been busy planting flowers for Memorial Day, as well as, decorating Stevens Park.

VILLAGE CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Weiler commented on the speed bumps on West Street, which were installed due to a residents concerns. He also reported that there were several branches across the Prairie Trail, which his family moved to the side. Asst. Admin. Murphy will let M CCD know.

Trustee Elliott asked about portable defibrillators. He also inquired into the Social Workers from the Sheriff's Department and commented on kids riding electric scooters. Trustee Elliott would like Rules of the Road regarding scooters sent out in an E-Blast. Asst. Admin. Murphy will discuss these matters with the Police Chief.

Trustee Weiler asked about the Broadway benches. Asst. Admin. Murphy reported that they will be replaced.

Trustee Elliott asked about the 100 Club Membership Dues. Asst. Admin. Murphy reported that the invoice was on the warrant presented under the Consent Agenda.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Peiler moved to adjourn the May 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Weiler. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk