

# Village of Richmond INCORPORATED 1872

Village President Toni Wardanian called the June 4, 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, Asst. Village Administrator Kristen Murphy, Attorney Brandy Quance and Village Clerk Karla Thomas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:** President Wardanian announced that Trustee James Gerasco has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. She will be looking for an individual to fill the vacancy.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Charles Eldredge, III addressed the Board regarding code violations involving several of his properties and shared his opinion regarding the Police Department assisting with Code Enforcement duties. He also referenced his past contributions to the community and offered some suggestions for potential community improvements.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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

- a. Motion to approve the Special Board Minutes of May 21, 2026 and the Regular Board Minutes for May 21, 2026
- b. Motion to approve and authorize the Village President to execute the American Heartland Fiber Networks LLC dba E-Vergent Tower Lease Agreement

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Wardanian presented a motion to approve an Ordinance Repealing Section 21.17 Prohibited Businesses of Chapter 21 Business Regulations of the Richmond Municipal Code. It was noted that this changed was required in order for the Municipal Code to match the Unified Development Ordinance for consistency.

*Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve an Ordinance Repealing Section 21.17 Prohibited Businesses of Chapter 21 Business Regulations of the Richmond Municipal Code as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

## COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Trustees Elliott noted that the Memorial Day Event was good and well attended. Everyone is welcome to attend. A special thank you for Richmond Café who opened especially for this event and also a special thanks to the vocalist and trumpet player.

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICE:** Village Administrator/Police Chief reported on the following:

- A radar sign is now up on May Avenue.
- The George Street remediation has been completed by the Public Works Staff, they did a great job.
- Cone with a Cop will take place this Saturday from 11 am-1 pm at Richmond McDonalds.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** President Wardanian reported that Public Works Staff is very busy with multiple projects.

**VILLAGE CLERK:** None.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** None.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Clerk Thomas reported that the Board needed to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)) Approval/Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes.

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*Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to convene into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 12/2(c)(21)) Approval/Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes. ROLL CALL: AYES: COOK, ELLIOTT, PEILER, WEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.*

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:26 PM.

Upon returning from Closed Session, roll call was then taken. Present were President Wardanian, Trustees: Cook, Elliott, Peiler, Weiler and Weiss, Administrator/Chief Cetrangolo, Attorney Quance and Clerk Thomas.

The Board reconvened at 7:35 PM.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION:** Clerk Thomas announced that she would prepare a resolution to approve closed session minutes for January 15, 2026 and April 2, 2026. The minutes of December 15, 2022, May 1, 2025, January 15, 2026 and April 2, 2026 will remain closed. The resolution will be on the next Board Agenda.

*With no further business, Trustee Elliott moved to adjourn the June 4, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Weiss. The motion was approved by voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk