

Village of Richmond

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Village President Toni Wardanian called the January 15, 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, Adam Metz, Frank Peiler, Jason Weiler and Linda Weiss.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village Administrator/Police Chief Ciro Cetrangolo, Supt. of Public Works Jon Schmitt, 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.

- a. Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for December 18, 2025
- b. Motion to authorize the Expenditure of Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 25/26.09 in the amount not to exceed \$127,517.05

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Elliott 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 A Resolution Assuring Financial Commitment for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program to Replace the Prairie Ridge Water Main. Supt. Schmitt noted that this is a separate IEPA Loan with 30% forgiveness and an interest rate of 1.62%.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve A Resolution Assuring Financial Commitment for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program to Replace the Prairie Ridge Water Main as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, METZ, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Elliott reported that the Village's St. Patrick's Day Event will be held on Saturday, March 7th at The District with an Irish Band and Irish Dancers. President Wardanian reported that a lighted Green Shamrock will be placed in Stevens Park for the month of March.

Trustee Peiler presented the design for the new Veterans Memorial that will be installed at the Village Hall. Trustee Elliott noted that the overall size will be 42 feet in depth and 58 feet in width, will have flags to recognize military branches, a missing in action flag (MIA) and an American flag. The monuments from Stevens Park will be relocated to this new location after discussion with the American Legion Commander. Trees and flowers will be planted, pavers installed, solar lighting and benches. The committee is working on numbers for the next Budget and they are hoping to fund the project through grants, donations, etc.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICE: None.

PUBLIC WORKS: Supt. Schmitt reported that the Ice Skating Rink is completed and is open to the public dependent upon temperatures. He noted many families have already been using it.

VILLAGE CLERK: Village Clerk Thomas reported that the 2026 Statement of Economic Interest will be delivered via email from the County Clerk's Office and to keep an eye out for the email. She also reminded everyone that a penalty applies for not completing them by the deadline of May 1st.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

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TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Weiler inquired into the status of new Village Signs. President Wardanian reported that staff is working the design, locations, prices and timeline, as the new signs will be costly and will be replaced over time.

CLOSED SESSION: President Wardanian noted that the Board needed to go into Closed Session. Clerk Thomas stated that the Board was go into Closed Session pursuant of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)) Acquisition of Property.

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to convene into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 12/2(c)(5)) Acquisition of Property. ROLL CALL: AYES: COOK, ELLIOTT, METZ, PEILER, WEILER and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:12 PM.

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

The Board reconvened at 7:18 PM.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Peiler moved to adjourn the January 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Weiss. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk