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Village President Toni Wardanian called the April 16, 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, Supt. of PW Jon Schmitt, Management Analyst Kristen Murphy, 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.

- Motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes for April 2, 2026
- Motion to approve Expenditure of Funds for Warrant Fiscal Year 25/26.12 in the amount not to exceed \$130,965.08
- Motion to approve the Village of Richmond Regular Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2027
- Proclamation announcing the 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 3-9, 2026
- Motion to ratify approval for \$2,000.00 expenditure to Arranmore by the Chair of the Community Development Committee

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the consent agenda item 7a through 7e 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 a Class C, C1 and D2 Liquor Licenses to the owner of Richmond Ace located at 10824 N. Main St. The owner explained that he was requesting the liquor licenses for outdoor service in the fenced in area where he or his employees could sit down and discuss the customer's project while the customer enjoys a craft beer. Additionally, he was seeking the D2 packaged license so they could provide packaged craft beers for customers to take home. The owner will advertise the concept as Craft Beer for Crafty People. The Board asked if he intends to have gaming in the store and he stated that was not part of his plan.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to approve a Class C, C1 and D2 Liquor Licenses to the owner of Richmond Ace located at 10824 N. Main Street 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 Village of Richmond Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Trustee Weiler moved, seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the Village of Richmond Fiscal Year 2027 Budget 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 authorize the Chair of the Community Development Committee to expend \$10,000.00 for the FY2026 Façade/ADA Improvement Program.

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to authorize the Chair of the Community Development Committee to expend \$10,000.00 for the FY2026 Façade/ADA Improvement Program as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK and GERASCO. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: ELLIOTT. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee (CDC) regarding submissions received for the FY2026 Façade/ADA Improvement Program and award selected submission in the amount up to \$10,000.00. Trustee Elliott reported that the CDC reviewed four (4) applications and recommends awarding two (2) submissions at \$10,000.00 each for a total of \$20,000.00. One (1) would be issued to Anderson's Candy Shop for the removal and replacement of the existing stoop/steps with a concrete ADA ramp including drainage improvements and landscaping and one (1) would be issued to Olive Black for exterior façade improvements to include new doors for the

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lounge and apartment entrances, as well as, tuck-pointing, replacement of awning, exterior lighting under awning, replacement of rotting wood and painting. Mgmt. Analyst Murphy confirmed that there was sufficient funds to support the increase from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 in the CDC budget.

Trustee Peiler moved, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee regarding submissions received for the FY2026 Façade/ADA Improvement Program in the amount up to \$20,000.00 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: WEILER, WEISS, COOK, ELLIOTT, GERASCO and PEILER. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

Due to the increase in funding and awarding of two (2) FY2026 Façade/ADA Improvement submission from \$10,000.00 to \$10,000.00 each for a total of \$20,000.00, the motion was reconsidered for agenda item 8c.

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Peiler to reconsider the motion made which authorized the Chair of the Community Development Committee to expend \$10,000.00 for the FY2026 Façade/ADA Improvement Program and to amend the motion to authorize the Chair of the CDC to expend \$10,000.00 each for a total of \$20,000.00 for the FY2026 Façade/ADA Improve Program. ROLL CALL: AYES: PEILER, WEILER, WEISS, COOK, ELLIOTT and GERASCO. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to approve and authorize the Village President to execute the Baxter & Woodman Work Order No. 25 for Engineering Services regarding the 2026 MFT Roadway Resurfacing Improvements in a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00.

Trustee Elliott moved, seconded by Trustee Gerasco to approve and authorize the Village President to execute the Baxter & Woodman Work Order No. 25 for Engineering Services regarding the 2026 MFT Roadway Resurfacing Improvements in a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00 as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: COOK, ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, and WEISS. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried.

President Wardanian presented a motion to reject as non-responsive all bids received on March 31, 2026 for the Prairie Ridge Road Water Main Replacement Project. Supt. Schmitt explained that two (2) were received, neither published the appropriate IEPA notice in the newspaper. Additionally, both bids were higher than the Engineers Estimate. Based upon both these issues the Village Board should reject both bids as non-responsive. Supt. Schmitt also recommended shelving of this project for a later date, especially with the Congressman Brad Schneider grant for lead lines pending.

Trustee Weiss moved, seconded by Trustee Weiler to reject as non-responsive all bids received on March 31, 2026 for the Prairie Ridge Road Water Main Replacement Project as presented. ROLL CALL: AYES: ELLIOTT, GERASCO, PEILER, WEILER, WEISS and COOK. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. The motion carried

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None.

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

- Mgmt. Analyst Murphy reported that St. Joseph's Church is interested in paving the parking spaces that abut the sidewalk on Commercial St.; however, this is public property. Ms. Murphy asked for a consensus of the Board to allowing the Church to repave this public property. There was a consensus of the Board.
- Mgmt. Analyst Murphy also reported that the signs placed on Rte. 12 by IDOT were incorrectly placed and will be relocated to the bridge area on Rte. 31.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Supt. Jon Schmitt reported that the PW Dept. will be performing fire hydrant flushing next week. The PW Staff has been checking lift stations more due to the recent increase in rain. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is okay in regards to capacity. Septic receiving has increased and staff will be monitoring the intake.

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk Thomas reminded everyone required to file a Statement of Economic Interest has until May 1st, then penalty fees will be issued by the County Clerk's Office. Clerk Thomas reported that the Plan Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on April 23rd at 6 PM on multiple items. She also announced that there will be a Special Board Public Hearing before the May 7th Regular Board Meeting at 6 PM.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Gerasco requested that the matter of the Community Garden be placed on an upcoming agenda. Clerk Thomas reported that she has already placed the subject on a future agenda.

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Trustee Peiler asked the Board to consider gaming restrictions. Administrator Cetrangolo will prepare some options to present to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.

With no further business, Trustee Gerasco moved to adjourn the April 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Cook. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk