

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on November 4, 2013 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Tom Rader, Clerk Tiffany Graves; Trustees: Tina Raycraft, Russ Patrick, Carl Fisher, Dave Charles, Jim Mileham and Joe Bartley. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Lorraine Duggins, Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Chief Dave Smith, Superintendent Alex Lyons and Attorney Barb Myers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve the October 21st meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Raycraft, Bartley and Mileham voted yes.

People to address the board included Everett Lingleo. Lingleo stated he was unaware of the meeting at the Riverton Athletic Club regarding the Field of Dreams concession stand. Lingleo believes the Village needs to employ a manager to manage the Field of Dreams facility. He stated the Village could pay a salary, utilities, etc. out of sales; it wouldn't have to cost the tax payers anything. Lingleo also feels the facility is not being used to its full advantage and requested the Village Board look 'outside the box'. Trustee Charles noted there was no secret meeting; the meeting was announced at the last board meeting. Charles stated that when the Field of Dreams first started he contacted other communities that had parks with concession stands. All other communities were 'hands off', they simply supplied the building. Charles contacted the school; they were not interested. Charles contacted JFL; they were not interested. Charles contacted Riverton Girls Softball; they were not interested. Charles contacted Riverton Youth Baseball and they agreed to run it. The Village is not in business to run a concession stand. Charles attended the meeting at the Riverton Athletic Club only to let the food handlers know they would need to obtain a license from the state. The Village is not charging for utilities or use of the facility. Youth Baseball donated \$2000 worth of fencing to the ball diamonds, the JFL donated a scoreboard, pads, etc. These groups run the concessions to benefit themselves and the entire community. Lingleo stated that someone was needed to look out for the community as a whole. Who will bring tournaments to town? Who will promote the Field of Dreams? Charles stated that the groups will all work together. Trustee Fisher noted that it's in the best interest of each group to bring other teams to town and hold tournaments. Trustee Charles appreciates Lingleo coming to the board; ideas are always welcome. The Village may or may not be able to do them, but they can at least entertain them.

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to inquire about the charge per kilowatt of electricity. Trustee Fisher, who works for Ameren, stated the Village charges around .12 per kW. Fisher also noted that the Village would lose a lot of services if rates were lowered. Trustee Bartley stated that Ameren has 10 different price categories; for instance, in Williamsville where Ameren is competing against Menard, Williamsville is getting the top tier rate from Ameren in order for them to keep Williamsville as a customer. Fisher also noted that it's not the price of the kWh; it's what you use that adds up. Ameren has market rates and when the market skyrockets so will their rates, whereas Riverton's will remain stable. Trustee Mileham stated the rate per kW includes having 2 linemen in town; therefore when the power goes out, it's restored in an hour or less which is a very valuable asset. If it was Ameren, the power could be out 4-5 hours.

Rob Mehan came before the board to thank them for the work on the ditch by his home. Mehan also stated the Village needs to have more pride in their workmanship. Recently, after the oil and chip project was completed, the rock ended up out on the paved road, which Mehan swept up. Mehan admitted it was petty, but with the Village manpower, the tax payers deserve the best they can get.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to adopt Ordinance #13-020 approving a proposal for auditing services with R.W. Hickman. It was seconded by Trustee Fisher. Trustees Raycraft, Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Bartley and Mileham voted yes.

Supt. Lyons gave the board a copy of his written report (see attached).

Water Department: repaired a water main break on 2nd St.; issues with water phone lines at water plant are now corrected.

Sewer Department: general maintenance and repair.

Street Department: held up on removing sidewalks until Otto Baum catches up; backfilled sidewalks that have been poured and seeding the area; cleaned and swept curbs and gutters.

Electric Department: relocated electric services on 7th St. for new sidewalk; tree and brush removal.

Gas Department: completed annual gas regulator station testing; installed two new gas services on Menard St.

Field of Dreams: nothing to report.

Parks: nothing to report.

General Maintenance: general maintenance on trucks, plows and salt spreaders.

Updates: read meters last week; should have Sterling single axle truck this week; ordered two new bike racks for SRTS.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Smith announced the annual visit with Santa will be December 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Office Manager Patterson reported the Illinois Comptroller collected \$423.38 on past due utility bills due to payroll garnishments.

Treasurer Duggins stated the general fund balance is \$1,145,744.00. The Village made a bond payment November 1st for \$285,000 with \$6,893 in interest. May 2014 will be the next payment with the final payment being November 2014. The tax levy hearing will be at 6:45 p.m. on November 18th.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, noted the Village website is up and running on a test basis. They are ready to go live whenever the board agrees.

Trustee Raycraft, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, announced a Public Safety Meeting for Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. Raycraft also announced a meeting with the Riverton School District at their corporate office on Wednesday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Russ Patrick, chairman of the Utility Committee, announced the Public Utilities Committee would be meeting Thursday, November 7th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss rates, policies and procedures.

Trustee Charles, chairman of the Parks Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Fisher, chairman of the Public Works Committee, referred to Trustee Bartley. Bartley stated the signs, barricades and bike racks had been ordered. The mobile speed feedback sign came in today and crosswalks were painted.

Trustee Bartley, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, stated there was a meeting at 6 p.m. with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission to discuss the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Based on the conversation, they were looking at a 1 year time frame. The cost would be in the \$12,000-\$15,000

