

MINUTES
RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD
Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on July 7th, 2014 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Joe Bartley; Trustees: Jim Mileham, Tina Raycraft, Dave Charles, and Russ Patrick. Trustee Carl Fisher was absent. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Lorraine Duggins, Office Manager Stacy Patterson, and Superintendent Alex Lyons.

The public bond hearing referring to bonds of up to \$2,000,000 for the purpose of improving water and sewer lines was held. Ralph Willoughby inquired about the village's bond rating. After some discussion Trustee Bartley responded that this had been explained by the village attorney at the previous meeting. There was no further public comment.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to adjourn the public bond hearing. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustees Mileham, Raycraft, Bartley, Patrick, and Charles voted yes.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve June 16th meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Charles, Bartley, Mileham Raycraft, and Patrick voted yes.

Rita Ashton came forward to address the board. She inquired about a potential utility rate increase of 8 to 15 percent. Trustee Patrick and Bartley responded that any increases are usually discussed in November. She also inquired about why Riverton doesn't attract any commercial businesses. She went on to explain that she is the owner of Park-n-Shop Plaza and has had three tenants leave and those vacant spaces are still having high utility bills. Trustee Bartley explained that the board and the Economic Development Committee are working hard on bringing in other homes and businesses. He also mentioned that he will have the Utility Committee look into why her rates are high on her vacant spaces. She also talked about how many residences look neglected. Trustee Bartley stated that as many as 50 letters have gone out to property owners regarding ordinance violations. Lastly, she spoke about how she was worried about landlords not being held accountable for renters who leave without paying utility bills. Trustee Bartley noted the village is using a system through the Illinois comptroller's office and this year we have received money from garnished tax refunds.

Ralph Willoughby mentioned the lack of a fence at Silent Rain Subdivision's retention pond. This had been brought to the board's attention at a previous meeting and will be looked in to.

Old Business:

The approval of items for sealed bid sale. The list for this will be advertised for three weeks in the paper.

Trustee Patrick made a motion to approve this list. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustees Bartley, Patrick, Raycraft, Mileham, and Charles voted yes.

Ordinance #14-012 Approving Plat of Vacation at Lucky Horseshoe Trailer Park was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Resolution #14-006 Resolution to participate in updating the Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Trustee Raycraft made a motion to approve Resolution #14-006 Resolution to participate in updating the Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Trustee Mileham seconded. Trustees Raycraft, Mileham, Bartley, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

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

Water Department:

- 1) Replaced several water pits and meters
- 2) Finished water mains and water hydrants at Washington Street subdivision
- 3) Flushing new mains for EPA testing at Washington Street subdivision

Street Department:

- 1) Patching roads
- 2) Working on S.R.T.S. sidewalks removal and grading
- 3) Brush and tree removal
- 4) Box culvert installed at Veteran's Park

Sewer Department:

- 1) General maintenance and repair

Electric Department:

- 1) Trimming trees
- 2) Setup electric for KC Hall festival
- 3) All electric installed at Washington Place Sub-transformers and pedestals

Gas Department:

- 1) All gas mains installed and testing completed at Washington Place Sub
- 2) Working gas valves throughout system

Parks:

- 1) Mowing, weed eating, and spraying for weeds
- 2) Added 6 and 8 inch rock at Veteran's Park at new walkway bridge

General:

- 1) Treated Veteran's Park for moss and algae
- 2) Spraying for mosquitoes once per week

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his manhour utilization report (see attached).

Chief Smith stated that they had received twenty one applications for the new hire list and he has interviewed all but four of them. He mentioned that there is a Power test July 16th and 6:00 P.M. for people without their certification. He also talked about the KC celebration and how there were no problems besides the lack of parking. The RB1 squad car had to be taken in for service at S&K due to overheating and will be back late July 8th. Lastly, he mentioned that the Radar speed sign is out of service, but is under the 1 year warranty.

Office Manager Patterson had nothing to report.

Treasurer Duggins had nothing to report.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Raycraft, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Patrick, chairman of the Public Utility Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Charles, chairman of the Parks Committee, stated that per the KC Hall the KC celebration was a success and they thanked everyone for their support. All Weather Courts refinished the basketball courts in orange and blue and look great. The same company will be

doing the tennis courts in August. He is still researching and comparing camping fees with other locations for Wheeland Park.

Trustee Fisher, chairman of the Public Works Committee, was absent.

Trustee Bartley, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, discussed a quote received from S&W Contractors for sidewalk installation along 7th Street. The amount of \$22,708 will allow for continuation to Brook Lane on the west side of the street, and from Sheffler Lane up to Riverton Road on the east side. It was agreed that with all the projects going on throughout the village, this sidewalk work should be contracted out.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve the quote of \$22,708 from S&W Contractors for the sidewalk installation along 7th Street. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustees Bartley, Raycraft, Patrick, Mileham, and Charles voted yes.

Trustee Bartley stated that there is an Economic Development Committee meeting July 10th at 4:00 P.M. to review survey results through the Regional Planning Commission and hear public comment.

Mayor Rader was not in attendance.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to Adjourn at 7:36. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustees Bartley, Charles, Mileham, Patrick, and Raycraft voted yes.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk