

## MINUTES

### RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on December 16, 2013 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Tom Rader, Clerk Tiffany Graves; Trustees: Jim Mileham, Joe Bartley, Tina Raycraft, Dave Charles and Carl Fisher. Trustee Russ Patrick was absent. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Lorraine Duggins, Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Attorney John Myers, Superintendent Alex Lyons and Chief Dave Smith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to accept the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Mileham, Bartley, Charles, Raycraft and Fisher voted yes.

There were no walk-ins to address the board.

Under old business was Resolution #13-009 writing off certain uncollectable accounts. Trustee Mileham made a motion to adopt Resolution #13-009. It was seconded by Trustee Fisher. Trustees Mileham, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles and Fisher voted yes. Trustee Patrick was not in attendance; therefore Mayor Rader noted he may be able to answer any questions that may be asked. Trustee Fisher asked Atty. Myers if he could shed some light on the Village ordinance regarding landlords being held responsible for their tenant's unpaid bills. Myers stated that a couple of different towns have adopted ordinances regarding landlords (most uncollectables are from renters) such as a double deposit unless landlords guarantee the accounts. The ordinances adopted in other towns have worked out well. Myers also mentioned that liens can be placed on the property if the tenant defaults. He will look into it and draw up sample ordinances for the board to review. He also mentioned that it is a problem for all towns. The issue will be referred back to the utility committee. Mayor Rader noted that he has been away from things for a few years, but the amount of write offs was definitely a lot smaller from when he was on the board years ago and they were writing off \$60-\$70,000. He thanked all for their collection efforts.

There was nothing on the agenda under new business.

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

Water Department: sent three guys to Jacksonville for water training; general maintenance and repair.

Sewer Department: replaced switch at lagoon (blower control).

Electric Department: installed Christmas lights; installed electronic speed feedback signs on 7<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln Street.

Street Department: plowing snow.

Gas Department: installed new gas reg and pop off valve at St. James.

Field of Dreams: nothing to report.

Parks: nothing to report.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). The Village's Annual Kid's Christmas with Santa was held last Saturday. The attendance was slightly lower than the last few years, possibly due to the snow conditions. The Village also received donations totaling \$1,300. These donations allowed for the event to be paid this year and provided a good start for next year. Smith thanks the public works employees for a great job clearing the snow in the parking lot and especially thanked Rick Vice for using the snow blower to clear the sidewalks to the Hall and to the Santa House. Officer Landgrebe and Smith conducted local tobacco compliance checks on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. All four businesses were found in compliance.

Office Manager Patterson had nothing to report.

Treasurer Duggins noted there was \$1,054,552.85 in discretionary funds. Duggins and Off. Mgr. Patterson has been working on budget reports which will be handed out at the January board meeting.

Trustee Mileham had nothing to report. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Raycraft had nothing to report.

Trustee Charles had nothing to report.

Trustee Fisher had nothing to report.

Trustee Bartley had nothing to report.

Mayor Rader mentioned the article submitted by Julie Klebe regarding emergencies and appreciates her efforts. Rader also thanked the trustees for judging the Holiday Lights Decorating Contest. Winners are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 221 S 4<sup>th</sup> St.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 1110 Dina Drive

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 13 Spring

All received gift cards from local businesses. Next year he hopes the contest will be bigger and better and thanked all who participated.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Fisher.  
All agreed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk