

## 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 1, 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: Carl Fisher, Dave Charles, Tina Raycraft, Jim Mileham, Joe Bartley and Kurt Spradlin. Also in attendance were: Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Attorney John Myers, Superintendent Alex Lyons and Chief Dave Smith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Spradlin made a motion to accept the June 17<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Fisher, Spradlin, Bartley, Charles, Raycraft and Mileham voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to appoint Lorraine Duggins to the position of Village Treasurer. It was seconded by Trustee Spradlin. Trustees Fisher, Spradlin, Bartley, Charles, Raycraft and Mileham voted yes.

The two new officers completed the 3 month training at the Illinois State Police Academy. Both officers started their first shift July 1<sup>st</sup>. Smith received notice that both officers passed the State's comprehensive examination at the end of training. Smith presented Officer's Andrew Smith and Caleb Jefferson with their state certification.

Brenda Kelley, President of the Riverton Library, presented her annual report to the village board. The annual report is undertaken to give the reader an account of what the library has done in the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013. The library serves a tax base population of 3,455 with a librarian and three assistants. The library board has seven members who meet once a month to establish policy and oversee general library operations. The library received \$55,474 from the local government. \$3543 in state per capita grant and \$6916 in other receipts (non-residential fees, grant money, fines, copier/fax charges, donation, etc.) for a total of \$65,933.00. Total expenses were \$71,009.00. The library was open a total of 2132 hours with a total annual attendance of 14,564. The library has 16,656 items in their collection, and six computers available for public use. The library completed a remodeling project that included new carpeting, a tiled entryway, paint and additional lighting. Kelley mentioned she would like to meet with the Administrative Committee regarding the outdoor entrance to the library. It currently has no overhang and leaks. Kelley also asked to have the flag replaced in front of the Village Hall. Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee stated that he would attend a few

board meetings to stay involved. The library board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Mayor Rader asked Kelley if the library was involved with the school. Kelley stated they are always willing to work with the school. Trustee Mileham asked Kelley about eBooks. Kelley stated that eBooks were coming. It previously cost \$3000 to join per year, but starting in September, they cut the cost to \$1500 for smaller sized communities. Hopefully in September it will be much more affordable for the library. Kelley thanked the board for their support.

Gina Fuhrmann, president of Fuhrmann Engineering Inc., came before the board to introduce her company. Fuhrmann Engineering is a full-service consulting firm whose talents and expertise are focused on four markets: highways and bridges, land development, land and route surveying, and construction observation. They provide planning, design, and construction observation phase services on projects that range from aviation to highway projects. Gina has been an engineer for 20 years; she graduated from Sacred Heart and the University of Missouri. She started her own business and has been in business for 12 years. Fuhrmann brought two of her engineers with her; Jay and Jarod. Jay has 30 years of experience with municipal work; from 1992-2010 he worked for the Village of Chatham. Jarod was involved with the Village of Sherman. They are not strangers to public relations. They recently became the recipient of the largest TIF in Illinois. Mayor Rader stated that the board will sit down and make a decision. Fuhrmann thanked the board for their time.

There were no walk-ins to address the board.

There was nothing on the agenda under old business.

There was nothing on the agenda under new business. Mayor Rader noted that the board had the opportunity to look at a vac truck. Trustee Fisher will look at the numbers and have a decision at the next board meeting. Supt. Lyons also looked into possibly purchasing a new backhoe.

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

Water Department: clean-up from water main breaks; dirt work and seeding; installed new service; changed out several stopped meters; continue to run ad in local paper on hydrant testing and service.

Sewer Department: general maintenance and repair.

Street Department: patching roads; removal of old pan gutter on Menard and installed new.

Electric Department: trimming of trees and line clearance.

Gas Department: working on cathodic protection survey; general maintenance and repair.

Field of Dreams: special thanks to all volunteers that worked Saturday; coring out road and parking lot on south end of ball diamonds; new camera system is in and being installed by electric department.

Parks: repaired bridge and gazebo at Veteran's Park and re-stained both; repaired score box at Field of Dreams.

General Maintenance: spraying for mosquitoes as weather permits; mowing and weed eating; spraying for weeds; fence repaired at basketball court; lots of trash is being brought to Garage

#1. Residents must now call the Village Hall for the employees to unlock the gates and inspect loads.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). On May 21<sup>st</sup>, a notice was given to the occupant of 829 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. regarding an abandoned swimming pool with the liner attached. Sangamon County Public Health placed mosquito dunks in the pool. Smith received another complaint however. Smith checked and it did not appear that the occupant took any action to remove the pool liner or disassemble the pool. Smith contacted the homeowner who agreed to remove the pool liner. The owner cut the liner allowing the water to drain from the pool. A tall grass notice was given to the resident at 825 E. Washington for the rear yard. The owner complied and mowed the grass. Also, an Inoperable Motor Vehicle Notice was sent to the same address for numerous vehicles being stored in the rear yard. The occupants have 30 days to remove the inoperable vehicles. A tall grass notice was sent to the owner of 1175 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. The owner failed to respond within ten days. The situation was referred to Supt. Lyons for mowing. In February, Sangamon County Public Health was contacted regarding the abandoned residence at 814 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Smith spoke with the public health inspector and was told the owner cleaned the property and secured the home. The property however is not habitable. The property may be sold soon and demolished by a new owner. Sangamon County is satisfied with the repairs and finalized the case. The two radar units that malfunctioned were repaired and are now in service. At last meeting, Smith requested to purchase a dash-mounted moving radar system for the RV-3 squad car. The chairman of the public safety committee approved the purchase. Smith would also like to purchase portable radios for the two new officers in the amount of \$1687.08. The radios are not in the budget, but they could be purchased out of the DUI Equipment Fund which is acceptable by state to purchase. The chairman of the public safety committee approved the purchase. Trustee Mileham, being new to board, asked Smith about how the violations for tall grass and weeds works. Smith stated that when a complaint is called in, the officer will inspect the property and take photos. A form will then be mailed out for the specific violation. Trustee Charles asked for an update on the poultry farm. Smith sent a letter to the suspected owners; however, they claimed the chickens were not theirs.

Office Manager Patterson had nothing to report.

Treasurer Duggins stated the village had \$939,597.46 in discretionary funds. Duggins thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as treasurer. Mayor Rader thanked her for 'stepping up'.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, is hoping to have his projects (recodification, credit card policy) finished up soon. Atty. Myers stated the recodification was basically finished; the board just needs to take out the penalty clause. Mayor Rader asked if there was any progress on the new website. Mileham stated the board would need to sign an agreement to progress.

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

Trustee Spradlin, chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, went to an IMEA meeting last week. IMEA discussed their audit which lasted two hours and forty five minutes. Spradlin learned at the meeting that Ameren will be raising their rates 21% over the next four years.

Trustee Charles, chairman of the Parks Committee, mentioned that a small group showed up Saturday at the Field of Dreams workday. He thanked Mayor Rader and his family, Trustee Mileham, Supt. Lyons and Drew Charles for their help. Charles stated the playground equipment was not set up at Center Park due to the weather. An area needs to be cored out and concrete poured. Mayor Rader asked if there was another date set for a work day. Charles stated that there was no date set; he needed to get projects in line first.

Trustee Fisher, chairman of the Public Works Committee, will have more information available at the next meeting regarding the vac truck. The gutter project is finished. The milling and overlay will begin next week. Mayor Rader stated that they needed to add a 5<sup>th</sup> St. overlay project to the budget along with the catch basin near the railroad tracks. Trustee Bartley stated that River Road also needed to be added to the oil/chip list, at least 100 yards.

Trustee Bartley, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, met with Rick Smith regarding his annexation. A formal package will be brought to the board at a later date. Bartley reminded everyone that the electronic recycling date was August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bartley asked Supt. Lyons and Off. Mgr. Patterson if the Village had any old electronics. Midwest Computer will give the Village extra credit for being the first municipality to set up a collection day with them. Bartley noted that September 14<sup>th</sup> is the date set for the Autism Run – 5K Run/1 mile walk. A car show may be coming to town possibly. Bartley will bring more information to the board once it's formalized.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Spradlin. All agreed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk