

## MINUTES

### RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on June 3, 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: Treasurer Tim Laffey, 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 May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Fisher, Spradlin, Bartley, Charles, Raycraft, Mileham voted yes.

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to discuss the recent storm. Willoughby felt the sirens should have been sounded. Willoughby wanted to know who is in command when Supt. Lyons isn't around. Mayor Rader stated that Fire Chief Louie Rogers was in attendance and would answer his questions shortly.

Carl Faust, of 1010 Washington, came before the board to discuss his property. Faust explained that with all the water during the recent storms his yard was completely under water. Faust wanted to know if the Village took care of it or if he needed to. Mayor Rader asked to see pictures. Trustee Bartley explained that some of it may be taken care of when the sidewalk is replaced. Faust also asked about the fence and the trees in between the two properties. Trustee Bartley will pull up the GPS and Supt. Lyons will look into it.

Mrs. Klebe, of 18 Francis Drive, came before the board to inquire about emergency procedures during storms. Klebe would like to host a community meeting. She would like to schedule it for some time in June. She asked the school if the auditorium could be used. She invited Chris Miller of the National Weather Service, the Sheriff, FEMA, Chief Louie Rogers, both Mayor and Police Chief of Riverton and Spaulding, Supt. Mulligan, Supt. Lyons, and Jim Good. Klebe asked for the Board's support.

Jim Good suggested that a letter go out with the Village utility bill explaining emergency procedures.

Marty Culp was on the agenda but did not attend the meeting.

Willoughby noted that Spaulding has a Village Board and asked Mrs. Klebe if she approached them due to the fact she lives in Spaulding. Klebe responded, “not yet”.

Fire Chief Louie Rogers came before the board to clarify a few things. First off, by Village ordinance the Fire Department is responsible for activating the tornado sirens. The Fire Department works in conjunction with the Village and the Police Department. They also work closely with the school and run tornado ‘drills’. During the last storm, Rogers went to the auditorium where the middle school was putting on a play and notified the proper authorities that if the storm continued they would need to move into an interior room. Rogers made sure that a plan was in place if the storm moved in. Rogers also went to Center Park and cancelled the baseball games that were in progress. Rogers went to all the businesses in the area and made sure they knew what to do in case of severe weather. The day the trailer park got hit the following alerts were issued:

14:58 – tornado watch

15:08 – spotters requested

15:08:10 – tornado watch for northeast county

15:08:23 – Riverton paged for spotters

15:11:45 – advised dispatch Lincoln Place had damage

15:29:04 – watch was cancelled

Rogers stated that no 911 calls were made and the department was not paged. The storm was a very fast moving storm with 70-90 mph winds, no rotation, just straight-line winds. Residents were asked to leave the Lincoln Place trailer park due to the electric and gas issue. A shelter was set up at the High School. The park was cleared around 11 am the next day and they estimated \$220,000 in damages. No agency in Sangamon County, other than Williamsville, set off sirens. Springfield did not, Chatham did not. If the sirens need to be activated, they will activate them. Rogers stated that he would rather err on the side of caution. Rogers stated that he also shut down Wheeland Park Friday night. Tent campers were there and if the river came up, he didn’t want to take the chance of tent campers being in danger of flooding. Rogers is willing to sit down with anyone to discuss the tornado sirens. The sirens are an outside warning system. As Riverton grows, the sirens do not. E-alerts are designed to come out as soon as a watch is issued. There are areas in town that will not hear the sirens, especially if there are 70 mph winds. Rogers stated, “We all live in this community, our families live here, if we need to activate the sirens, we will”.

Ralph Willoughby thought that it would have been better to set off the sirens then run around town. Rogers stated that it was better to go in a controlled fashion than have mass chaos. Trustee Fisher appreciated the way it was handled at Center Park because it would have been mass chaos. Fisher heard a lot of positive comments. Mayor Rader thanked everyone for their efforts and noted that Rep. Brauer inspected the damage at Lincoln Place.

Mayor Rader noted that he was trying to put something in place for suicide prevention. There is such a high number in Riverton, with no specific age group. Two groups of professionals have been notified as well as the township and school to set a date. Everyone pledged to be involved.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Trustee Bartley read aloud Resolution #13-003. It is the policy of the Village of Riverton to recognize excellence in all fields of human endeavor; and whereas, Kyle Campbell was born June 4, 2000, is currently attending Riverton Middle School, and currently resides in Riverton, Illinois; and whereas, Kyle Campbell won the Regional Spelling Bee in Springfield, Illinois in March 2013 correctly spelling words through 35 rounds of competition and beating out 40 other students from Central Illinois; and whereas Kyle Campbell qualified for the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC in May 2013 where he competed against 280 other students from throughout the United States until he was eliminated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round (Quarterfinals) and; whereas, Kyle Campbell is active in school extracurricular activities including serving as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative and Vice President of the Student Council and playing on the Riverton Middle School baseball and basketball teams and; whereas, Kyle Campbell has also achieved academic success at Riverton Middle School by maintaining his grades and being recognized on the School Superior Honor Roll. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton wish to honor and congratulate Kyle Campbell for his accomplishments in the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee as well as his academic achievements. Be it further resolved, that June 4, 2013 will be declared “Kyle Campbell Day” in the Village of Riverton, Illinois. A copy of this resolution will be presented to Kyle Campbell, adopted by the Riverton Village Board at the regular board meeting of June 3, 2013. Trustee Bartley made a motion to adopt Resolution #13-003 honoring Kyle Campbell. It was seconded by Trustee Spradlin. Trustees Fisher, Bartley, Charles, Raycraft, Mileham and Spradlin voted yes. Mayor Rader presented Kyle Campbell with the resolution. Trustee Bartley wished him a Happy Birthday.

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

Water Department: wells all up and working now due to power lines down; all control panels moved inside for waste pit.

Sewer Department: flushed sewer mains at Lucky Horseshoe; repaired sewer at Center Park bathroom; replaced relays at main lift station.

Street Department: patched roads; cleaned out storm sewers and swept gutters; replaced culvert; cut up trees from storm damage.

Electric Department: repaired several outages; trimming of trees from power lines.

Gas Department: repair gas valve on 7<sup>th</sup> & Kinzie; exercise emergency gas valves and cleaning.

Field of Dreams: nothing to report.

Parks: nothing to report.

General Maintenance: read meters last week; spraying for mosquitoes as weather permits; mowing, weed eating and spraying for weeds; working on generator float for wells ‘if needed’.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). A tall grass/weed notice was given to the occupants of 40 Ivy Hill Drive. Another tall grass notice was sent to the occupants of 116 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. The grass was over two feet tall. The occupants have since complied and mowed the grass. A property maintenance code notice along with a tall weed letter was sent to the owner of 729 Madison St. in February. This is an abandoned residence. At that time, holes in the roof and fascia were observed. Also, the entire rear yard is overgrown in weeds. The owner contacted Smith in March and said she was having financial difficulties and asked for a 30 day extension to allow workers to fix the issues. Since that time, Smith has not received any additional

communication with the homeowner, nor have the weeds been eradicated. Smith requested the issue be turned over to Sangamon County for the Property Maintenance Code Violation. Trustee Raycraft made a motion to turn over the issue to Sangamon County. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Fisher, Bartley, Charles, Raycraft, Mileham and Spradlin voted yes.

Smith received a suggestion that the Village purchase three (3) updated/current 2012 Property Maintenance Code manuals. Atty. Myers will draft an ordinance reflecting the adoption of the 2012 Code.

Office Manager Patterson had nothing to report.

Treasurer Laffey stated the discretionary fund balance is \$876,620.29.

Mayor Rader thanked the Village employees and all those involved with the storms. He appreciates their efforts. The power was restored within 3 hours Memorial Day.

Trustee Mileham will get with Atty. Myers to draft a Village credit card policy. Atty. Myers stated that the board needed to go over fines and rates and answer questions regarding the recodification process. Myers stated that he did some rewrites and deletions and once it's all put together it can be sent off to the code company.

Trustee Raycraft scheduled a committee meeting for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for various items and possible personnel.

Trustee Spradlin received a flier from IMGGA regarding their Market Edge program. Market Edge allows natural gas professionals at the IMGGA to manage the Village's supply. Over a three year period, Market Edge purchases will 'smooth' gas prices, protecting the community from market spikes and providing a weighted average cost of gas that is both predictable and affordable. There is no added charge for the service. The Village will no longer need to follow the natural gas markets on a daily basis, and the risk will be spread over time minimizing the impact of short-term market swings. Spradlin asked for everyone to look into it as he would like their opinions at the next board meeting.

Trustee Charles held a committee meeting last week to discuss different projects. The following projects still need completed at the parks: concession stand inspected, playground equipment at Center Park, security, sidewalks, parking lot restriping, donor signs installed, bricks installed, tennis courts, both diamonds prepared for youth baseball, 2<sup>nd</sup> parking lot and recycling bins for plastic bottles. Charles noted that alcohol use in parks is a violation of Village ordinance. He asked the police department to enforce the ordinance as they see fit.

Trustee Fisher stated that the seasonal help has been hired. There was a Public Works Committee Meeting at 6 pm to open sealed bids for the gutter project. They received 1 bid from S & W Contractors in the amount of \$13,930.00. Trustee Fisher made a motion to accept the bid from S

& W Contractors. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Fisher, Bartley, Charles, Raycraft, Mileham and Spradlin voted yes.

Trustee Bartley has talked to different businesses and asked them to put packets together in his search for potential grants. Bartley also contacted the Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Bartley stated that Marty Culp is a representative of an electronic recycling firm. The Village can work with them on collection points for old electronics. It is a free service to the Village and its citizens.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Spradlin. All agreed.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk