

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Tom Rader; Trustees: Joe Bartley, Carl Fisher, Dave Charles, Jim Mileham, and Russ Patrick. Trustee Tina Raycraft was absent. Also in attendance were: Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Treasurer Lashonda Fitch and Superintendent Alex Lyons.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Rader asked for a moment of silence for Emily Pinney.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Patrick. Trustees Bartley, Fisher, Patrick, and Charles voted yes. Trustee Mileham abstained.

Mr. Cooper, who lives in Primrose Subdivision in Spaulding, came forward to address the board inquiring about the possibility of getting water service to their area. There are about 17 residences that would also be interested. He stated that about ten years ago they approached the board about this, but they were unable to move forward. He was asked to stay after the meeting to speak with Superintendent Lyons and Trustee Patrick.

Mrs. Shaw was next to address the board and stated that that new owners of the Long Elevator property are using it as a scrap yard. They are burning materials from vehicles which is creating an awful smell from the smoke. It was discussed that the new owners stated that they planned on a welding business, but as everyone can see, that is not the case. Zoning and ordinances concerns were brought up.

Kathy Acton, a resident who lives very close to the business also spoke about the smoke and the health hazards it can cause. She stated that she is unable to even open her windows due to the large amount of smoke and bad smell. She also mentioned that the trucks start at about 5:30 in the morning and have left ruts in her yard from turning around.

Mr. Hemming asked about the high school north parking lot, which is causing flooding in the surrounding neighborhood due to water runoff. The village engineer, Kevin Kuhn, will look at the area.

Old Business:

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business:

A bid opening was held November 21<sup>st</sup> for bids on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project. This resulted in one bid being returned that consisted of three businesses. They are Petersburg Plumbing and Excavating, Perry Broughton Trucking and S&W Contractors. Kevin Kuhn stated that he recommends they accept the bid of \$519,842 as it is within budget. A date to begin the project has not been determined due to the fact that the contractor chooses when to start the project, but the deadline for completion is around May 2015.

Trustee Patrick made a motion to approve Ordinance #14-023 Ordinance Approving Bids for 5th Street Project. Trustee Charles seconded. Trustee Bartley, Patrick, Charles, Mileham, and Fisher voted yes.

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

Water Department:

- 1) Repaired two water main breaks.
- 2) Well #5 tested with PDC labs and EPA-back on line.
- 3) Due to cold weather, we estimated water this month.

Sewer Department:

- 1) Repaired sewer main in Riviera Subdivision.

Street Department:

- 1) Salted roadways due to ice.
- 2) Picked up brush and tree limbs on Kinzie.

Electric Department:

- 1) Christmas decoration being put up throughout the village
- 2) Repaired several street lights.

Gas Department:

- 1) Working on replacing gas services on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Parks:

- 1) Brick work around flag pole complete. Names will be sandblasted in the Spring.

Updates:

- 1) Removal of old lean to on back side of Garage #1.
- 2) Employee obtained Class B Water Operation certification.

Chief Smith presented his report. (See attached)

He stated that he sent certified letters to two residences regarding abandoned vehicles. Also, Officer Murphy is at a training until December 12<sup>th</sup>. Last, he mentioned that he would like to meet with the Public Safety Committee regarding an asset forfeiture vehicle.

Office Manager Patterson, had nothing to report.

Treasurer Fitch, had nothing to report.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, stated that a local relator would like to be put on the village website.

Trustee Raycraft, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, was not in attendance.

Trustee Patrick, chairman of the Public Utility Committee, talked about the emergency collapsed sewer main repair on Allen Drive. The cost was \$7,000 to be fixed.

Trustee Patrick made a motion to approve the \$7,000 spent to repair the emergency collapsed sewer main on Allen Drive. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustees Patrick, Bartley, Charles, Fisher, and Mileham voted yes.

Trustee Patrick stated that the Utility Committee is proposing new rates for the new year. This was discussed during the Committee meeting prior to the regular board meeting. Trustee Fisher asked for the vote on utility rate increase to be postponed due to the item not being placed on the agenda and him not receiving proper notice of the utility committee meeting. Mayor Rader said that he would give everyone some time to look at the information.

Trustee Charles, chairman of the Parks Committee, stated that the tennis courts will not be started until spring due to weather.

Trustee Fisher, chairman of the Public Works Committee, talked about the patchwork repairs for sidewalks at various locations; 213 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St, 15 Jamestown, N. 5<sup>th</sup> curbs and gutter, and 7<sup>th</sup> St. at two different locations. The price for this is going to be \$6,085 and to be done by S&W Contractors.

Trustee Fisher made a motion to approve the price of \$6,985 from S&W Contractors to do the sidewalk patchwork repairs. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustees Patrick, Charles, Fisher, Bartley, and Mileham voted yes.

Trustee Bartley, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, mentioned that the Clear Lake Township's Christmas Party is coming up, with location still undetermined.

Mayor Rader had nothing to report.

The board then returned back to the discussion about the utility rates. There will be no changes to electric. The gas base overhead cost will increase from \$0.326 to \$0.342 for residents inside the city limits. For residents outside of city limits, the base monthly rate will increase from \$13.50 to \$13.75. Water rates for residential customers will not increase. For nonresidential customers the increase will be: the first 1,000 gallons increases from \$10.00 to \$10.50, the next 5,000 gallons increases from \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.60, the next 4,000 gallons increases from \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.70. The sewer rates will not increase. It was discussed that the utility increases help pay for replacing or fixing things inside the village.

Trustee Patrick made a motion to approve the increase in the utility rates. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustees Patrick, Charles, Bartley, and Mileham voted yes. Trustee Fisher voted no.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to Adjourn at 8:38. Trustee Mileham seconded. Trustees Bartley, Fisher, Patrick, Charles, and Mileham voted yes.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

