

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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; Trustees: Joe Bartley, Carl Fisher, Dave Charles, Jim Mileham, Tina Raycraft and Russ Patrick. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Lashonda Fitch and Superintendent Alex Lyons.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Fisher made a motion to have a meal reimbursement for \$15 pulled from the list until they could discuss it with the Office manager, Stacy Patterson. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustee Raycraft, Mileham, Bartley, Fisher, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

Trustee Fisher made a motion to amend the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes to show that he had asked for a postponement in the vote on the utilities rate increase. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustees Mileham, Raycraft, Bartley, Fisher, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Bartley, Fisher, Patrick, Mileham, Raycraft, and Charles voted yes.

Ron Smith, who was speaking on behalf of the Bossmann family, regarding the property off North 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He provided photos of the property since he's been working on it the last two to three weeks. He apologized for the problems it has caused in the past. He requested a 30 day extension as the original deadline is December 20<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed the progress and thanked him for coming to the meeting to come before the board. It was agreed that since January 19<sup>th</sup> is the date of a board meeting and is also the 30 day extension deadline, Smith will either appear at that time or let the board know that status of the property prior to that date.

Trustee Fisher made a motion to grant the 30-day extension. Trustee Charles seconded. Trustees Mileham, Raycraft, Bartley, Fisher, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

William Strawbridge, who lives on 224 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, handed out copies of the newspaper article concerning a neighbor who wants to operate a home business using a garage as a workshop. Superintendent Lyons stated that he had spoken with the resident and he stated that he established it as a business for tax write-off purposes. Strawbridge stated that the entire area is residential and should not be zoned for business. Trustee Bartley stated that this had been discussed previously with the village attorney and compared with definitions of zoning in other towns and needs to be referred to the Zoning board due to vagueness in code interpretation.

Trustee Bartley stated that the property owner has not approached the board to request any changes in zoning.

Old Business:

Ordinance #14-024 Ordinance Approving Tax Levy

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve Ordinance #14-024 Ordinance Approving Tax Levy.

Trustee Mileham seconded. Trustees Raycraft, Mileham, Bartley, Fisher, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

Trustee Raycraft then stated that the Public Safety Committee had met last week to discuss a seized vehicle, a 2012 GMC Denali. They recommend that the village purchase it and then sell it for a minimum bid. If they do not receive the minimum bid then it will be turned into the chief's car. Trustee Fisher inquired on a time frame and Chief Smith responded that it must first go through a legal process and then they will obtain a clean title.

Trustee Raycraft made a motion to purchase the seized vehicle for resale. Trustee Patrick seconded. Trustees Raycraft, Mileham, Bartley, Fisher, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

Trustee Bartley announced the results of the Christmas lights contest. First place, 13 Spring St; Second place, 221 4<sup>th</sup> St; third place, 205 E. Kinzie St.

New Business:

Ordinance #14-025 Ordinance Approving Intergovernmental Water Agreement with Dawson

Trustee Fisher questioned if this was mutual aid. The attorney clarified that it is written as only one way and will need to be rewritten to be mutual aid. It was stated that Dawson is down one employee due to deployment. The attorney suggested the ordinance be passed and then he could provide an amended one so Dawson could at least be covered for now.

Trustee Patrick made a motion to approve Ordinance #14-025 Ordinance Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Dawson. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustee Raycraft, Bartley, Patrick, Charles, and Mileham voted yes. Trustee Fisher voted no.

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

Water Department:

- 1) Cleaned waste pit at water plant.
- 2) Repair of brine and waste pit pumps.
- 3) Changed out stopped meters.

Sewer Department:

- 1) Jetted out mains in Lucky Horseshoe and Ivy Hill Subdivision.

Street Department:

- 1) Patching of potholes.
- 2) Install two catch basin and drainage pipes on village R.O.W.
- 3) Cleaned curbs and gutters on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and added rock to cut outs.

Electric Department:

- 1) Installed new door at electric garage.
- 2) Straighten up transformers.
- 3) Working on new lights and electrical plugs and bridge lighting at Center Park.
- 4) Christmas decorations up in village.

Gas Department:

- 1) Still making progress on gas servicer on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Parks:

- 1) Fence at tennis court.

Updates:

- 1) S.R.T.S. last of concrete removed and new sidewalks completed.
- 2) Brush removal started on drainage R.O.W. in Jamestown area.
- 3) We have EPA approval for one new well site. Second site has to be moved approximately 400' away from Clear Lake. May require purchase of more land.

Chief Smith presented his report.

He stated that the annual Kid's Christmas had the best turn out in several years. Also, Officer Murphy has completed her 80 hour transition training from part time to full time certification last Friday. She started full time 12/15.

Office Manager Patterson, was not in attendance.

Treasurer Fitch, had nothing to report.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, stated that they had a committee meeting prior to the board meeting to meet with the owners of the property at 1<sup>st</sup> and Washington as well as their attorney. It was determined that it is zoned I-1. They are talking things through and will hopefully come to an agreement.

Trustee Raycraft, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, stated that they had reviewed the remaining budget for the fiscal year. They are looking at quotes for video cameras to put in and around the village hall building. Purchasing new firearms was also discussed due to the current age of the ones being held now is 20 years. Also, a video system for one of the squad cars will be purchased.

Trustee Patrick, chairman of the Public Utility Committee, stated that at the committee meeting last week they discussed changing out water meters to electric meters that would allow the usage data to be automatically sent to the office for billing. At the next committee meeting they will hopefully be able to meet with a representative from the company.

Trustee Charles, chairman of the Parks Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Fisher, chairman of the Public Works Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Bartley, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, stated that he, the Mayor, Alex Lyons, and a representative from the county commerce had been looking at locations in the village with a developer who is looking to build a multi residential medical facility. Whatever area chosen, it would need to be annexed and zoned as special use. That would in turn need a hearing before the Zoning board.

Mayor Rader had nothing to report.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to go into Executive session at 7:55 to discuss update on litigation. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustees Bartley, Fisher, Patrick, Mileham, Raycraft, and Charles voted yes.

The board went into open session at 8:07 with a motion from Trustee Bartley. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Mileham, Fisher, Charles, Bartley, Patrick, and Raycraft voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to Adjourn at 8:07. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustees Charles, Bartley, Mileham, Fisher, Patrick, and Raycraft voted yes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

