

MINUTES
RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD
Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on March 16th, 2015 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, Dave Charles, Russ Patrick, Carl Fisher, Jim Mileham, and Tina Raycraft. Also in attendance were: Superintendent Alex Lyons, Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Treasurer Lashonda Fitch, and Chief Smith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve March 2nd meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Bartley, Mileham, Charles, Fisher, Patrick, and Raycraft voted yes.

Brian Foreman, who lives on East Menard Street, stated that there is a road fail on his street. The trustees and the mayor discussed and said that it will be checked out.

Aaron Merreighn came forward to state that residents had mentioned to him that the Long Elevator property has again become a concern in regards to large truck movement and the appearance affecting residential property values. Trustee Bartley stated that he was at the sight the week before and noted that some cleanup has been done. The materials that are being taken off the property are large and require large trucks. He also mentioned that the owner has another property in Illiopolis where he will be moving. Mr. Merreighn then said that he'd received several phone calls about the basketball courts being locked up. He stated that this penalizes Riverton's kids when people from out of the area are also responsible for littering or damaging the area. The mayor stated that he had personal experiences of being to the courts the last few days. When he asked the kids to pick up their trash, the response was "It's not my trash." It was stated that village employees and the police should not be the only ones responsible for picking up the trash. Merreighn suggested a community-wide effort at cleanup be started. The board responded that this is a great idea, but the responsibility lies ultimately with the court/park users.

Old Business:

New Business:

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

Chief Smith presented his report. (See attached).

He added that he has ordered the two new patrol vehicles from Morrow Brother's Ford in Greenfield, IL. Upon talking with Richie Morrow-Wellenkamp about the order, he was told that the 2016 model year has a back-up camera installed that is standard equipment. Due to the added feature, the final cost of the vehicles were \$26,745.00 per unit. They should arrive in approximately fourteen weeks. He also mentioned that they have issued camping permits for Wheeland Park. The season opened March 1st.

Office Manager Patterson, stated that the village would be receiving \$10,660 from the Illinois comptroller's office as park of tax refund garnishment from people who owe for unpaid utility bills.

Treasurer Fitch, stated that the budget process is still underway.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, stated that they held a committee meeting prior to the board meeting. There is a business that wants to re-classify its license to include video gaming, going from Class D to C, and this will come before the board at the next meeting. He then mentioned a potential 311 app, which would be \$2,000 for the first two years. This would apply to different phone types and would allow residents to send concerns or photos directly to the village. This will be further discussed. The village hall rental agreement is being reviewed for changes and will be brought to the board to consider.

Trustee Raycraft, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, stated that they have budgeted new firearms that would replace the ten they have now. They would be \$409.00 each. They would be able to get trade in value from the other guns.

Trustee Raycraft made a motion to approve the purchase of ten new firearms at the cost of \$409.00 each. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustees Raycraft, Mileham, Bartley, Fisher, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

Trustee Patrick, chairman of the Public Utility Committee, stated that they will schedule a Public Utility committee meeting soon.

Trustee Charles, chairman of the Parks Committee, stated that the village is first on the list to begin the tennis courts. The company that resurfaces the basketball courts said that the overnight temperature has to be consistently above freezing in order to begin the project. He then mentioned that a local business has offered to donate more trash cans for the basketball courts.

He said that he has talked to other communities about how to handle the vandalism at the courts. Feedback is that someone wanting to use the court must provide their ID to the village to reserve it for a certain time period on a certain day. Another idea is to have a family evening where parents have to be present with the kids. Last, he mentioned that eight cameras will be placed at the park by the end of this week.

Trustee Fisher, chairman of the Public Works Committee, stated that the village is in need of summer help with mowing.

Trustee Fisher made a motion to approve the advertisement of summer help for mowing. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustees Raycraft, Mileham, Bartley, Fisher, Charles, and Patrick voted yes.

Trustee Bartley, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, spoke about a few upcoming events. First, the Library has a fundraiser this weekend, March 20-22, at Bob Evans. Next, an Easter egg hunt on March 28 at Center Park. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Another one, sponsored by the Baptist church, begins later in the day at 1 p.m.

Mayor Rader had nothing to report.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to go into Executive session at 7:43 for imminent litigation and property acquisition. Trustee Patrick seconded. Trustees Bartley, Mileham, Fisher, Patrick, Raycraft, and Charles voted yes.

There was a six minute break.

The board went into open session at 8:01 with a motion from Trustee Bartley. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Fisher, Patrick, Mileham, Charles, Bartley, and Raycraft voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to Adjourn at 8:02. Trustee Raycraft seconded. Trustees Charles, Patrick, Fisher, Bartley, Mileham, and Raycraft voted yes.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk