

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on February 18, 2013 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those answering roll call: Acting Mayor Joe Bartley, Clerk Tiffany Graves; Trustees: Tina Raycraft, Rich Pottier, Dave Charles, Pat Faires and Kurt Spradlin. Also in attendance were: Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Treasurer Tim Laffey, Attorney John Myers, Superintendent Alex Lyons and Chief Dave Smith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Faires made a motion to accept the February 4th meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

Nick Wainwright came before the board to inform them that he was not able to pull up the minutes from November and December on the Village website. Acting Mayor Bartley noted that he was made aware of the issue late that afternoon and that he will look into it.

Rob Mehan came before the board to address the property next door to his property on Lincoln St. Mehan stated he found out that an apartment building or duplex was being built. He doesn't believe that Riverton needs more multi-family housing and asked when the property was rezoned. Acting Mayor Bartley stated the property was rezoned 20 years ago. It's zoned R-3. Mehan asked why he wasn't told that at the last board meeting he attended. Bartley noted that no one knew it then. Mehan stated that more multi-family housing shouldn't be allowed by the board because they don't have a handle on it now as far as residents moving in and out and leaving with unpaid utility bills.

Nick Wainwright asked about payment plans. Acting Mayor Bartley stated that the problem with payment plans is that people wait until they're shut off to ask for one. A person can enter into a payment plan provided they can show an explanation of hardship.

Marty Vala came before the board to thank them for listening and let them know that when he uses 1100 gallons of water and is charged for 2000 gallons; it is wrong.

Ralph Willoughby came before the board to ask about the 2 new police officers. Acting Mayor Bartley stated the new officers would attend school for 12 weeks at a cost of \$2,800.00. The amount would be fully reimbursed by the state training board.

Wainwright asked what would happen if the two officers didn't pass, or quit after their training. Bartley explained that if they left the Village within 1 year they would be responsible for reimbursing the Village 100% of the cost; if they left within 2-3 years, it would then be 50% of the cost. Willoughby asked why the Village needed 2 new officers. Trustee Faires explained that one officer already left for a new job and another officer has a very good chance of leaving. Willoughby asked if the Village has received any money from the Eagles Club and if they had a payment plan. Trustee Spradlin did not know off hand if the Eagles had made any other payments and noted that they did have a payment plan.

Rob Mehan asked the board about building codes and if there were different codes for multi-family homes and single family homes. He believes there should be; that builders need to build better quality homes so that renters have lower utility bill so when they move out the Village isn't left with that much money owed. Bartley stated that it was a standardized code.

There was nothing to discuss under old business.

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

Water Department: changed out several stopped meters; cleaned waste pit at water plant; installed new master meter at Lucky Horseshoe; repaired water main breaks on Lincoln St. and Lucky Horseshoe.

Sewer Department: jetted out several blockages in Lucky Horseshoe.

Street Department: add CA-6 to several water main cutouts; patched roads.

Electric Department: repaired electrical service at Methodist Church; cleaned and painted wall and floor in the electric office.

Gas Department: bored in new gas service on Lincoln St.

Field of Dreams: no update.

Update: 12 guys completed CPR training – Lyons thanked the fire department for training; gas & electric material ordered for SIC; need to get approved for 2-3 loads of ball diamond dirt; garage #4 roof leaking (need to get estimates on rubber roofing repair).

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Officer Landgrebe asked last fall for a teen court donation; at that time, the board asked about the payment other cooperating villages were paying. Smith checked with Sherman Police about their payment. They are paying a \$1,000.00 donation each year. Sergeant Lawley said that other village's pay a smaller amount, depending on their size. The Village has been requested to pay \$1,000.00, matching the Village of Sherman. Smith was assured that Riverton and Sherman have the majority of cases. Smith recommended the Village pay the \$1,000.00 donation if the funds are available. Smith received an email from a resident that is concerned about vision issues at an intersection. The complainant said that when stopping at 7th St. while on Spaulding St., some trees are preventing the vision on cross traffic on 7th St. Smith examined the complaint and concurred that a motorist is

forced to proceed past the stop sign to be able to see the southbound traffic on 7th St. The complainant is also concerned about a large bush on the south side of Spaulding St., creating a view obstruction of the northbound traffic. Smith informed the complainant that he would bring the matter to the board. Acting Mayor Bartley stated that 7th St. is a county road and the matter was referred to the county.

Office Manager Patterson gave the Board a copy of her written report. There was no discussion.

Treasurer Laffey noted the discretionary fund balance is \$683,619.53. Laffey is working on the budgets and will have the appropriation ordinance ready by May 1st.

Trustee Pottier will be attending an executive IMEA meeting on Wednesday afternoon and a regular IMEA meeting on Thursday. There have been concerns with IMEA lately and he will find out what is going on. Pottier reminded department heads that there is 20% left to go of the fiscal year, to watch/keep track of their spending.

Trustee Faires noted the SRO vehicle is coming along nicely. Faires also noted that the equipment installed was either used equipment of the police department, donated surplus equipment from the Sheriff's Office, or paid from the funds received at the time of the forfeiture.

Trustee Faires made a motion to approve a \$1000.00 donation to Teen Court. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

Trustee Spradlin scheduled a Public Utility Committee Meeting for Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6 p.m.at the Village Hall.

Trustee Spradlin made a motion to approve the bore at SIC not to exceed \$1, 500.00. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

Trustee Charles stated the playground equipment for Center Park was ordered and will be ready mid-March. Riverton Youth Baseball will be running the concession stand. JFL will be moving out to FOD. The soccer coaches don't feel the field is playable due to the tiling. The Village will roll and seed it. Trustee Pottier asked if there were any policies in place regarding the Field of Dreams energy usage. Charles stated he's looking into how things are done at the Center Park concession stand, however Field of Dreams is all new, and with it being the first year, they need to wait and see how it's going to be done; there is currently nothing in place because it has never been used before.

Trustee Charles made a motion to approve 2-3 loads of ball diamond dirt not to exceed \$1,000.00 It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

