

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on August 5, 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 and Joe Bartley. Also in attendance were: Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Attorney Barbara Myers, Superintendent Alex Lyons and Chief Dave Smith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to accept the July 15th meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Fisher, Bartley, Raycraft and Mileham voted yes. Trustee Charles abstained.

Mayor Rader announced that Trustee Spradlin resigned his position as of July 31, 2013. Rader stated that Spradlin served the community well and will be missed.

Eddie Jester and Jake Dyer, of Ley Metals, came before the board to discuss having a JFL “steel drive” fundraiser to raise money for the Field of Dreams. Trustee Charles noted that everything was moving to the Field of Dreams (baseball, soccer, football) and the JFL wanted to partner with the Village to raise money. The drive would be similar to the electronic drive the Village held over the past weekend. Mayor Rader asked if all board members were in agreement. All agreed.

Rob Mehan came before the board to discuss how the treasurer gets appointed and how the sidewalks were coming along? Trustee Bartley noted the state bid closed August 2nd; the sidewalks would be discussed later in meeting during the Public Works report. Mayor Rader explained that appointments are at the Mayor’s discretion. He recommends an individual and the board appoints them. Lorraine Duggins owns her own business, was the treasurer for the Sports Boosters and is very qualified.

Rich Pottier came before the board to discuss several issues: senior rates, weeds behind Dollar General, weeds behind FS, the concrete structure at the water plant, a sign that he donated and the billing period for the utility bills. Mayor Rader noted that Trustee Spradlin had been working on senior rates and the issue will be referred to the new board member. Trustee Bartley stated that a letter was sent out regarding the weeds behind FS. The land was deeded to Dawson Lane Estates Homeowners Association, however, the association failed to file their report so it was involuntarily dissolved. The board has been working with Atty. Myers on whom to send the notice to. Myers’

advice was to send a notice to all members of the association. If the association does not take care of the situation, the Village will do it and send a bill to each member. Supt. Lyons stated the public works employees have been very busy and have not had the time to bust up the concrete structure at the water plant; it is on the 'to-do' list. Lyons also stated the sign Pottier donated had issues with the poles being too short, therefore it needed to be redone; it's also on the list of things to do. Trustee Bartley explained that the billing period is adjusted mainly due to holidays. The billing period/due date was tweaked 5 years ago when Pottier was on the board. Trustee Fisher noted that if you read meters every 4 weeks, there would be 13 bills in year.

Robert Plunk, of the Citizen's Efficiency Committee, came before the board to extend an invitation to the 'Mayor's Meeting'. He encouraged Mayor Rader to attend.

Nick Jackson and Penny Stevens, of the Dawson Circle Homeowner's Association, came before the board regarding the weeds behind FS. They held an association meeting that no one attended. They had planned to take care of the situation themselves, but the weeds were too tall. Mayor Rader informed them that if the situation was not rectified within the 10 days, the Village would cut it, and all property owners in the Dawson Lane Estates Homeowners Association would be sent a bill for their portion. The Village charges \$100 per hour.

On the agenda under Old Business was the ordinance approving an agreement between the Village of Riverton, the Riverton Police Department and the LIUNA Local 477 which will be discussed after executive session. Also on the agenda under Old Business was the resolution regarding credit card policy which will be tabled until the next board meeting.

Under new business the resolution approving ITEP Grant Application. Trustee Bartley stated in 2010 the Village applied for a sidewalk grant and didn't get it. The Village now has another opportunity to put in for the grant. The Village desires to build a concrete multi-use off-road bicycle path and pedestrian path from 7th Street along the Village easement, through the Field of Dreams and connecting to the Riverton Village Hall. The estimated cost of the project is \$226,800 and the ITEP grant would fund 80% with the remaining 20% (\$45,380) funded with Village Park funds. Trustee Fisher made a motion to approve Resolution #13-005 Supporting the Application for 2013 ITAP Grant Project Title "Riverton Multi-Use Trail". It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Fisher, Charles, Bartley, Raycraft and Mileham voted yes.

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

Water Department: repaired two service leaks; continuing maintenance and service on hydrants; A/C unit at water plant needs changed out.

Sewer Department: general maintenance and repair.

Street Department: painting of curbs and crosswalk; patching of potholes; spraying of weeds; drainage repairs.

Electric Department: added new service customer; trimming of trees; ran new electric for F.O.D.

Gas Department: painting gas meters around Village; added new gas service.

Field of Dreams: added 50 ft. more of sidewalk to pavilion; scoreboard donated by Williamsville.

Parks: friends of Sangamon Valley's Annual River Clean Up was last week; still working on playground equipment at Center Park.

General Maintenance: spraying for mosquitoes as weather permits; mowing and weed eating; spraying for weeds.

Updates: P.H. Broughton is scheduled for August 15th & 16th; Myer's Roofing to start on August 15th.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve sending 4 employees for training/continuing education. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Fisher, Charles, Bartley, Raycraft and Mileham voted yes.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Smith stated he received a complaint from an adjoining property owner of FEMA properties on Kinzie and Madison/Jackson Streets. The resident was complaining about off-road motorcycles and ATV's riding on these Village-owned properties. Smith informed the resident that he would place an extra patrol on these areas. Smith suggested the Village erect "No Trespassing" signs on the properties. The board agreed.

Office Manager Patterson had nothing to report.

Treasurer Duggins had nothing to report.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, received three bids from auditing firms. He will get with his committee to review.

Trustee Raycraft, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, requested an executive session.

Trustee Charles, chairman of the Parks Committee, received proposals for striping the parking lot. It's important to get it done while the old striping can still be seen to eliminate the need for measuring. No parking signs will be installed at the Field of Dreams to prevent parking on the grass.

Trustee Fisher, chairman of the Public Works Committee, received 8 bids from the state bid opening for Safe Routes to Schools. The low bid came from Otto Baum Company of Morton for \$223,304.92. The Village will need to concur on the bid and fax back to IDOT. As soon as that is approved, the sidewalks will start. The Village will explore putting in a sidewalk north of Spaulding St to Sheffler Lane. A proposal for bids will be sent out requesting bids in two fashions; 1.) contractor does all the work; 2.) Village will do some of the work. \$25,000 has been budgeted out of Motor Fuel Funds for the project.

Trustee Bartley, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, noted the electronic recycling program collected a lot of old electronics but he has not heard from Midwest on the figures. Riverton was the first to sign on, and since then a lot of others have jumped on the band wagon. The annual IMEA meeting will be held September 20th & 21st. If any board members are interested they need to make reservations by August 30th. The meeting is free to attend. IMEA meetings will be held September 3rd-6th. An Autism Run will be held September 14th in conjunction with a fundraiser at the Field of Dreams. The Village of Riverton and Village of Spaulding will host "Making Dreams Come True". There will be a car/motorcycle show, kids'

activities, food and craft vendors, a softball tournament, live music and fireworks. It will be a day of family fun to bring the communities together and support a great cause. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Spaulding Veteran's Memorial Park Fund and Clear Lake Township Family Wishes Program.

The Board went into closed session at 8:05 pm with a motion by Trustee Bartley and a second by Trustee Fisher. This meeting is closed pursuant to Chapter 102, paragraph 42, of the Illinois Revised Statutes of the Open Meeting Act regarding collective bargaining.

Trustee Raycraft made a motion to go back into open at 8:24 PM with a second by Trustee Bartley.

Trustee Raycraft made a motion to approve Ordinance #13-015 approving an agreement between the Village of Riverton and the Riverton Police Department and the LIUNA Local 477. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Fisher, Charles, Bartley, Raycraft and Mileham voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. All agreed.

_____ Mayor _____ Date

_____ Clerk