

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 4, 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 January 22nd meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

There were no walk-ins to address the board.

Old Business:

The Parks Committee met last week to discuss recommendations and purchases for the parks. Charles asked for board permission to purchase playground equipment for Center Park. The money was budgeted last year. The committee is also looking to have a 'work day' to finish up the concession stand; the sidewalk needs completed out to the parking lot, the parking lot needs restriping and the signage needs to be put up on the concession stand, dugouts will be added at the baseball diamonds, parking will also be added on the south side along with designated spots for handicap parking. The 'work day' will be open to anyone. The committee discussed the 2014 budget and will be meeting with the treasurer on that. Trustee Pottier asked about the dedication ceremony honoring Joe Rusciorelli. Charles would like for the concession stand to be completely finished, hopefully this spring, early summer. Trustee Charles made a motion to approve the purchase of playground equipment not to exceed \$10,000.00. It was seconded by Trustee Spradlin. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

There was nothing to discuss under new business.

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

Water Department: changing out stopped meters; maintenance to water plant reaction tank.

Sewer Department: pump #2 Lincoln St – repaired flapper valve; repaired two sewer blockages at Lucky Horseshoe.

Street Department: cleaned storm and gutter drains.

Electric Department: replacement of pole on Lincoln St; removal of several old non-used poles; tree trimming from electric right of way.

Gas Department: general maintenance and repair; sent four guys to Pawnee gas conference and training.

Field of Dreams: no update.

General Maintenance: repair of street sweeper.

Update: budget sheets for 2013-2014 completed by all utility departments; worked on list for surplus equipment.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). Officer Harkins was released to return to full-duty following his surgery. Trustee Raycraft asked Chief Smith about the state trooper that has been in town stopping citizens for seat belt checks, she heard that he will stop a person and accuse them of putting it on before he gets to the door, and will write a ticket anyway. She asked if anything could be done. Chief Smith will look into it.

Office Manager Patterson gave the Board a copy of her written report. She stated the office turned over \$1,188.16 to Pinnacle. Bartley asked if she's heard anything back from the comptroller. Patterson stated that she's still waiting; the comptroller only has 10 people working on it. Bartley explained for those that don't know, the comptroller will begin garnishing tax refunds of previous customers that owe the Village money.

Treasurer Laffey noted the discretionary fund balance is \$655,393.96.

Trustee Bartley reminded the board committees to have their budget worksheets turned in before the next meeting.

Trustee Pottier asked Treasurer Laffey if he could provide from month to month the discrepancy in funds.

Trustee Pottier had nothing to report.

Trustee Faires stated the Public Safety Committee conducted interviews and requested an executive session for personnel issues.

Trustee Spradlin noted the Public Utility Committee held a meeting last month to discuss several issues. Trustee Spradlin made a motion to reinstate handing out 'pink notices'. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

Trustee Charles gave his report earlier, had nothing further.

Trustee Bartley stated Gandy's wish to vacate the alley, the cost is \$600. They will send a letter to each homeowner allowing them to vacate. Trustee Bartley made a motion to vacate the alley, retain the easement. It was seconded by Trustee Faires. Trustees Pottier, Raycraft, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

Trustee Pottier asked 'what if' only half voted to vacate the alley. Trustee Bartley stated it was 'all or nothing'.

Trustee Raycraft had nothing to report.

The Board went into closed session at 7:19 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Spradlin and a second from Trustee Pottier. This meeting is closed pursuant to Chapter 102, paragraph 42, of the Illinois Revised Statutes of the Open Meeting Act regarding personnel.

The board went into open session at 7:45 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Spradlin and a second by Trustee Faires.

Trustee Faires made a motion to hire two new officers: Andrew Smith on April 1, 2013 and Kaleb Jefferson on April 2nd. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. Trustees Raycraft, Pottier, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

Trustee Faires made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Bartley. All agreed.

_____ Mayor _____ Date
_____ Clerk