

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 2, 2013 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Those answering roll call: Mayor Tom Rader, Clerk Tiffany Graves; Trustees: Tina Raycraft, Russ Patrick, Carl Fisher, Dave Charles, Jim Mileham and Joe Bartley. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Lorraine Duggins, Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Chief Dave Smith, Superintendent Alex Lyons and Attorney Barb Myers.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to accept the November 18th meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Bartley and Mileham voted yes. Trustee Raycraft abstained.

There were no walk-ins to address the board.

Old Business:

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adopt Resolution #13-008 abating the direct annual real estate tax in the amount of \$298,688 for the year 2013 levied pursuant to Ordinance 2009-027. It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Raycraft, Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Bartley and Mileham voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #13-023 approving a planning service agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$13,500.00. It was seconded by Trustee Fisher. Trustees Raycraft, Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Bartley and Mileham voted yes.

Trustee Fisher made a motion to approve Ordinance #13-024 adopting a revised code of ordinances of the Village of Riverton, Illinois; providing for the repeal of the prior code of ordinances and providing for the manner of amending such revised code of ordinances. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Raycraft, Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Bartley and Mileham 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: water main break on 3rd and 4th Street; maintenance on brine pumps at water plant.

Sewer Department: general maintenance and repair.

Street Department: cleaned storm drains and gutters; maintenance on equipment.

Electric Department: new lineman hired; new services at Silent Rain.

Gas Department: new service at Silent Rain; gas training at Village Hall (reasonable suspicious drug & alcohol)

Field of Dreams: nothing to report.

Parks: nothing to report.

General Maintenance: nothing to report.

Updates: Otto Baum has stopped until nicer weather on S.R.T.S. program.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). The Village Board authorized the residence at 729 E. Madison to be referred to Sangamon County Public Health due to failing to cooperate with the Village for ordinance violations. Public Health referred this matter to the State Attorney for demolition of the abandoned residence. During the period of the court proceedings, a local builder contacted Smith. The property was purchased and the home will be demolished. The builder intends to build a new home in place of the old residence. The demolition has been placed on hold pending the sale of the property. The 2014 Ford Interceptor was purchased from Morrow Brother's Ford. Smith requested additional bids on new equipment installation. As of the board meeting, Smith had not received confirmed bids from either vendor. Trustee Raycraft made a motion to authorize Chief Smith to purchase the new equipment from the only bidder, Ray O'Herron at \$2392.50; and purchase the state contract video camera from Watchguard for \$4,782.00. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Raycraft, Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Bartley and Mileham voted yes.

Office Manager Patterson reported the Local Debt Recovery Program collected \$579.78 on past due utility bills due to payroll garnishments.

Treasurer Duggins had nothing to report.

Trustee Mileham, chairman of the Administrative Committee, noted the website was up and running. They are still in the 'tweaking' process.

Trustee Raycraft, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Russ Patrick, chairman of the Utility Committee, proposed new utility rates for 2014. Patrick stated the base electric rate would drop 5%, the gas rate would increase 2% and the water rate would change from \$13.25 for 2000 gallons to \$10.00 for 1000 gallons. Trustee Patrick made a motion to approve the new utility rates for 2014 (see attached). It was seconded by Trustee Raycraft. Trustees Raycraft, Patrick, Fisher, Charles, Bartley and Mileham voted yes.

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, had nothing to report.

Mayor Rader mentioned the Village is once again hosting a holiday lights decorating contest. The Village board would like to recognize the efforts shown by the citizens. The trustees of the Village will serve as the initial judges and select homes to nominate for the contest. The initial judging and nomination of homes will take place on December 7-12. A committee will then select first, second and third place winners from the homes that are nominated. Final judging will take place December 15th and winners will be announced at the December 16th board meeting. First place will receive \$80 in gift certificates, second place will receive \$40 and third place will receive \$20. All gift certificates will be purchased locally. December 14th from 11-1 Santa will be at the Village Hall. Trustee Fisher asked Chief Smith if the department was accepting donations. Chief Smith stated they would take all that they can get. Smith sent letters to local businesses asking for donations. The fund needs to be built back up again. The Hawks Nest also has a collection jar for donations.

No executive session was requested. Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Fisher. All agreed.

_____ Mayor _____ Date

_____ Clerk