# Minutes

# **Riverton Village Board**

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on January 16, 2024 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Those answering roll call: Trustees: Johnathan Chisam, Dave Charles, Gina Rusciolelli, Joe Bartley, Jim Mileham, Michelle Landess, and Mayor Tom Rader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve January 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

## People to Address the Board:

Three residents of Blackburn Street addressed the board about concerns on their street involving the road being blocked, fires, garbage, lights, public health, and threats made. They provided photographs of what has been happening on their street. The trustees asked questions. The Mayor asked that the fire department and police department work together to coordinate calls. They would also be looking at zoning regulations and IEPA regulations to ensure that they are being followed.

## Old Business:

## New Business:

Village Engineer Kuhn, reported on USDA projects that are nearing completion and railroad surveys.

Village Attorney Joe Craven, had nothing to report.

Superintendent Lyons, submitted his report.

Chief Crouch, submitted his report. Mayor Rader requested that he reach out to the Village of Spaulding regarding the missing stop sign on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Schnieder.

Office Manager Patterson, was not in attendance.

Treasurer Baker, reminded Trustees that budget worksheets be returned with projects listed by March 4. She also thanked Mayor Rader for his dedication to the community and the board.

#### Committee Reports:

Trustee Chisam, chairperson of the Administrative Committee, said the website was still progressing.

Trustee Rusciolelli, chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, requested that residents remember sidewalks should be cleared of snow and vehicles.

Trustee Mileham, chairperson of the Public Utility Committee, made a motion to approve \$155,536.20 for USDA water. Trustee Landess seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes. Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve \$11,528.10 for USDA sewer. Trustee Landess seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes. Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve purchase of gas meters from USDI for \$3,978.89. Trustee Landess seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes. Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve \$5,013 to Electric Material Heading Consultants. Trustee Landess seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

Trustee Charles, chairperson of the Parks Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Landess, chairperson of the Public Works Committee, thanked Mayor Rader for his dedication to the community.

Trustee Bartley, chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, had nothing to report.

Mayor Rader, reported that IMGA gas prices were higher than average for the past weekend, but he thought better than expected. The Village will know what the costs are in February.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 pm. Trustee Landess seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to reenter Open Session at 8:33 pm. Trustee Landess seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

Mayor Rader swore in Mason Williams as a Police Officer.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-04 An Ordinance Approving a Contract with Laborers' Local 477. Trustee Landess seconded the motion. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-05, An Ordinance Authorizing Payment of Performance Bonuses. Trustee Landess seconded the motion. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

Mayor Rader submitted a letter of resignation to the board after thanking them, the community and his family for their support. Trustee Landess made a motion to accept the resignation of Mayor Rader. Trustee Charles seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

Trustee Charles made a motion to elect Trustee Bartley to be the Interim Village President. Trustee Mileham seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Mileham, and Landess voted yes. Trustee Bartley voted present.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve Committee Assignments with Trustee Charles being designated the Mayor Pro Tempore. Trustee Chisam seconded. Trustees Chisam, Rusciolelli, Mileham, Landess, and Mayor Bartley voted yes. Trustee Charles voted present.

Trustee Mileham made a motion to approve Resolution 24-01 A Resolution Appointing Tom Rader as IMGA Representative for Riverton. Trustee Landess seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Mileham, Landess, and Mayor Bartley voted yes.

Mayor Bartley thanked Mayor Rader for his dedication to the community and made a motion to approve Resolution 24-02 A Resolution Honoring Tom Rader. Trustee Rusciolelli seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Mileham, Landess, and Mayor Bartley voted yes.

Trustee Landess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Trustee Rusciolelli seconded. Trustees Chisam, Charles, Rusciolelli, Mileham, Landess, and Mayor Bartley voted yes. \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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