

Minutes

Riverton Village Board

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on February 15, 2021 at the Riverton Village Hall, Riverton, IL.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those answering roll call: Trustees: Dave Charles, Gina Rusciollelli (via zoom), Joe Bartley, Jim Mileham, Michelle Landess (via zoom), and Mayor Tom Rader. Trustee Russ Patrick was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to approve February 1st regular board meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Mileham. Trustees Charles, Rusciollelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

People to Address the Board:

Pat Mileham addressed the board asking if residents could pre-pay towards the expected higher utility bills. After discussion between Officer Manager Stacy Patterson, Attorney Don Craven, Trustees Bartley, Rusciollelli, Mileham and Charles it was stated that you could have a pay extra towards your account and have a credit on the account, but residents should be aware that until the total bills are known the exact amounts due will not be known.

Old Business:

New Business:

Superintendent Lyons was unable to attend due to plowing the roads. Mayor Rader stated that they will stop plowing and re-start early for those heading into work. There is a snow emergency and Officer Lawley stated that they would attempt to contact owners of vehicles on snow emergency routes before towing/plowing them in.

Chief Lawley submitted his report.

Office Manager Patterson, reported that water will be estimated due to weather, but gas and electric will be read. Auto read meters for water will not be estimated.

Treasurer Baker reminded Trustees that budget worksheets are out and they are due March 1st.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Landess, chairperson of the Administrative Committee, stated a committee meeting will be held.

Trustee Rusciollelli, chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, had nothing to report.

Trustee Mileham, chairperson of the Public Utility Committee, reported that billing cycles and rates were researched with surrounding communities and the Village of Riverton is average, some communities being higher and some lower. He also wanted to acknowledge the employees who were working in frigid temperatures for 7-9 hours to get a job done with a water main break.

Trustee Charles, chairperson of the Parks Committee, will be holding a committee meeting on February 22nd at 5 pm to discuss a budget.

Trustee Patrick, chairperson of the Public Works Committee, was absent and had nothing to report.

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

Mayor Rader stated that they had sent a lot of emails, texts and made many phone calls about the current natural gas crisis. He met with IMGGA and IMEA. Representative Butler is working with Governor Pritzker to declare a State of Emergency which would allow potential funds to be available. He wanted to thank Trustees Rusciollelli and Bartley and Dr. Polanin from the school district for heling with the press release.

Trustee Bartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Trustee Mileham seconded. Trustees Charles, Rusciollelli, Bartley, Mileham, and Landess voted yes.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk