

MINUTES

RIVERTON VILLAGE BOARD

Riverton, IL.

The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverton held their regular board meeting on January 7, 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: Rich Pottier, Dave Charles, Pat Faires and Kurt Spradlin. Trustee Tina Raycraft was absent. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Tim Laffey, Office Manager Stacy Patterson, Attorney John Myers, Superintendent Alex Lyons and Chief Dave Smith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Trustee Faires made a motion to accept the December 17th meeting minutes and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. Trustees Pottier, Bartley, Charles, Spradlin and Faires voted yes.

Brenda Kelley, president of the Riverton Village Library, came before the board to give the 2011-2012 Annual Report. Kelley stated the library serves a tax base population of 3,455. The library has a librarian and two assistants. The library board has seven members who meet once a month to establish policy and oversee general library operations. The library received \$54, 53 from its local government. \$3,119 in state per capita grant and \$9,261 in other receipts (non-residential fees, grant money, fines, copier/fax charges, donations, misc.) for a total of \$67,033. Total operating expenses were \$66,879. The library was open a total of 2,132 hours with a total annual attendance of 15,557. 1,421 residents have borrower cards; non-residents paid \$1,800 to use the library. The library had 18,507 items in its collection at the end of the fiscal year. Currently, there are 6 computers for public use. The number of in house users of public internet was 4,830. The library hosted several events to raise money; trivia night and the quarter auction were well attended. Kelley noted that many patrons have asked if the library can offer E-books as most other libraries do. They would like to offer this service but the \$3,000 per year cost is prohibitive. In the last several years their income from non-residential cards has declined from \$4,800 to \$1,500 due to the formation of the Tri-City district. This, liability insurance doubled and higher rates for IMRF and health insurance have left the library seeking ways to meet their expenses. They must rely heavily on fundraisers to meet their budget. Kelley noted they were trying to put together a 'Friends of the Library' group, but that it was hard, they can't get enough people to run for the board. The library has come a long way, thanks to the Village. Kelley stated her parents were part of the groundbreaking and that she would like to see their legacy go forward. Trustee Pottier stated that they do a great job. Acting Mayor Bartley noted that the library has grown a lot. Kelley thanked the board for their time.

Ron Williams came before the board with copies of a map he received from the county building. The map was of the Grigiski property on Kinzie St. Williams stated the county had the property zoned C-2. Trustee Spradlin read from minutes where the board in 1996 rezoned the property. Bartley stated that they would have it corrected, if not correct at the county. Williams then asked Chief Smith if the Riverton PD investigated the credit card misuse at the Riverton Schools. Chief Smith replied "No; no one has reported a crime to us". Williams then asked about the nominating petitions that were objected to. Bartley stated the Electoral Board would rule on the objections, not the Village Board. Williams stated that he had never seen anything like it, not in his 40 years. Bartley noted that in the election code, when a person files for office, they must file within a certain filing period, within 5 days of that filing period deadline, any registered voter can object to those petitions. Once someone objects, a hearing of the Electoral Board must be held to rule on the objections. The Electoral Board consists of the President, Clerk and the Senior Trustee. Trustee Pottier would normally be the Senior Trustee, however, he is running for office so it goes to the next Board Member which is Trustee Faires. Bartley noted that if a person grieves it, they can go to the County Clerk.

James "Jeb" Brown came before the board regarding the notice he received about the objection to his petition and the hearing Tuesday night. Brown stated that he attended the hearing at Clearlake Township and that he was not allowed to speak. Brown stated he hoped the Village followed the proper procedures because anyone over 18 can run for office.

Vicki Risley came before the board about a past due notice she received. Risley was billed \$1,225 in March 2011 for tap fees to her new home. The bill remains unpaid, therefore, Risley received a notice. The issue will be referred to the Utility Committee; in the meantime, Risley was instructed to pay the current charges on her utility bill.

Noah Payne came before the board regarding the notice of the Electoral Board hearing Tuesday night. Payne asked if they would be allowed to speak. Bartley stated that if he objected to the ruling of the Board, he could go to the County Clerk to file for judicial review. Trustee Faires suggested that everyone that received a letter with specific reasons to why their petitions were objected to, to be prepared to argue just those specifics. If someone has pertinent information, there is no reason why they shouldn't be allowed to speak. There will be a current list of registered voters on hand.

Ralph Willoughby came before the board and asked Trustee Spradlin about when the power blew out on Kinzie and how they bypassed the transformer and wired right into his house, if he paid for the electricity. Spradlin stated that it had been worked out. A member of the audience stated that Spradlin 'already gets paid for a being a board member', to which Spradlin replied, "No, I do not".

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

Water Department: working on stock inventory and organizing paperwork and filing at the water plant; general maintenance and repair.

Sewer Department: general maintenance and repair.

Street Department: added rock to water and gas cut outs; snow and ice removal.

Electric Department: removal of all Christmas decorations; tree trimming and brush removal.

Gas Department: repaired main on 5th St.; sent FI unit in for repair.

Field of Dreams: no update.

General Maintenance: repair of truck #1105 – brake lines; repair of truck #5 – rebuilt salt spreader; tree and brush removal at Garage #2.

Update: Jim Roberts made the decision not to retire at this time; received 550 locate tickets this year. Trustee Pottier asked if that was average or a rise/decline. Rick Vice stated that the locates were down this year.

Chief Smith gave the Board a copy of his written report (see attached). The Police Department recently had some repairs completed on the new RV-7 vehicle; the 2004 Chevrolet Impala that was seized following a drug forfeiture arrest last year. The vehicle is set to become the School Resource Officer (SRO) vehicle, driven between schools. All of the repairs were made using funds from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. They are in the planning stages of equipping the vehicle with lights, radio, siren, etc. The equipment used will either be from used equipment or newly purchased using the forfeited funds.

Office Manager Patterson gave the Board a copy of her written report (see attached).

Treasurer Laffey stated there was \$481,964 in discretionary funds. Laffey noted that Off. Mgr. Patterson got the budget reports out and that he would be happy to meet with all departments at their convenience to discuss.

Acting Mayor Bartley told all Committee Chairman that he would like their budgets to be completed no later than the 2nd board meeting in February.

Trustee Pottier stated things were slow; but we're off to a New Year.

Trustee Faires noted that the current Police Garage does not have room for an extra squad car, therefore, they need a place to store the new SRO vehicle when not in use. Faires stated that the Public Safety Committee would meet for interviews with Police applicants after the applications had been 'pared down'.

Trustee Spradlin had nothing to report.

Trustee Charles met with Pepsi and SIC Recycling regarding scoreboards for the Field of Dreams. Charles also spoke with the Youth League regarding running the concession stand.

Trustee Bartley had nothing to report.

Trustee Faires noted that as of January 2013, the Firehouse was paid off in full.

Trustee Pottier also noted that he forwarded an email from IMUA to the school regarding a scholarship they offer for high school students.

Trustee Faires made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Pottier. All agreed.

_____ Mayor

_____ Date

_____ Clerk