

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2016

Approved as amended by council - JWH

Present: President Dave Greve, President Pro Tem Gail Koporetz, Treasurer Terry Edds, Clerk Jacqueline W. Holewa, Trustees Virginia Gross, Kim Lewis, Robert Prentice, John Smith,

Absent: Kevin Foust

The meeting was called to order in the Richland Community Hall by President Greve at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Greve

Guests: none

Public Comments:

Mollie Sternburgh, Sue Miller, Tatti Hodge, Virginia Mejeur, Jamie Ricca, Sherri Synder, Doug Penny, Roger Mejeur, and Tom Koporetz commented on the upcoming May 3rd ballot proposal.

Robert Wendzel thanked the council on behalf of his neighbor for removing a dead tree. Kevin Foust was especially helpful.

Minutes:

Motion to approve March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes Koporetz/Gross. Amend as follows: Treasurer Report - insert – *Greve response – The email from the Township was sent to Attorney Soltis and Greve, to save attorney costs (\$40 per email) Greve will send the email to the treasurer himself.* CARRIED as amended

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Correct spelling of *Koporetz* and *Foust* on 2016-2017 Committee assignments.

Zoning/Ordinance - Insert: *the clerk was asked to follow up and respond to the complaint.*

Treasurers Report:

Edds explained the financial reports and urged department heads to delay expenditures if possible until July when tax revenues are collected. He is concerned about the cash flow through June.

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Accounts Payable:

Motion to pay accounts payable as submitted – Gross/Koporetz - CARRIED

Old Business:

Howland Flooring sign was discussed. Clerk reported on the findings thus far.

New Business:

William Nooney was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Gabe Pryor’s term expired April 1, 2016. Motion re-appointed to the Planning Commission – Smith/Gross – CARRIED Motion to appoint John Smith as council liaison to the Planning Commission – Prentice/Koporetz - CARRIED

Street repairs bids were presented – Motion to approve Asphalt Restoration’s bid of \$3,492.00 – Lewis/Prentice – CARRIED

The clerk was asked if the village could enter into an intergovernmental agreement for road repairs or would council need to get three (3) bids as required by ordinance. She stated that it would be a question for the attorney. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Police: Incidents- 138, Citations – 100, Verbals – 105

Prentice stated that he was pleased with Chief Mattioli’s leadership role and his dedication to the village. Motion that Jeff Mattioli continue in his position as the Chief of police for the 2016-2017 budget year. With all duties, responsibilities, and benefits as requested/approved by the council. The salaries for police department personnel, to be employed as needed by the Chief; with council approval, will be as budgeted in the 2016-2017 budget. Budget numbers are as follows:

- Chief of police ----- \$50,000
- Sergeant ----- \$16.79/hr
- Officers ----- \$15.71/hr
- Probation officers -- \$13.07/hr
- Reserve officers ---- \$10.00/shift
- Office clerk ----- \$12.08/hr

Motion made by Prentice seconded by Gross – CARRIED

Fire Department: 33 calls – 3 were in the village

Streets: discussed under new business

Trees & Parks: Arbor Day May 9 at 12:00 in front of Elementary with a rain date of May 10. Plant the pots with RACC May 14 at 8:00 at Richland Community Hall. Tree city USA two (2) stickers will be posted by the police. Arbor Proclamation is completed and Kalamazoo Gazette notified of the Arbor Day event.

Buildings/Community Hall: No report

Zoning/Ordinance:

Gabe Pryor, Planning Commission chair, reported on last month's Public Hearing meeting. A site plan and Special Land Use application was presented for an assisted living project. The planning commission is requested information that the applicant will supply – any action was tabled until the information is received.

The Havens condominium project has some discrepancies the planning commission is waiting for requested information from Rich Rosenberger, the developer, before the project can move forward.

Discussion on how to handle violations of the ordinances – clerk to compose a sample/template letter to send to violators – Greve and Smith to review letter. Two letters are to be sent to the violator before the police will enforce the ordinance.

P.P.P: No report

Public Service: No report

Ad Hoc: No report

Administration: No report

Budget: No report

Citizen Comments:

Sue Miller, Doug Penny - commented on encouraging small businesses in Richland.

Tatti Hodge commented on budget issues.

Robert Wendzel supports the board.

Ray Holewa stated that a class action lawsuit should be taken up to force council members to pay back the village treasury for the recent lawsuit involving the clerk. *Trustee Koporetz amended Mr. Holewa's statement to include -- Mr. Holewa also stated that a politician does not have the same rights as a private citizen, and that anybody can say anything they want to about an elected official and get away with it. He also stated that it is very suspicious that the Village President got appointed to council right after his (Mr. Holewa's) assault, and that the Village President was the one who orchestrated kicking the Clerk out of Office. Mr. Holewa also stated that he has pictures.*

REMINDER --- Joint meeting on April 14 – 7:00 at the Township Hall.

Motion to adjourn at - 8:30 pm Koporetz/Prentice - CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline W. Holewa, Village of Richland Clerk