

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2015

Present: President Paul Gobble, President Pro Tem Gail Koporetz, Treasurer Terry Edds, Deputy Clerk Michael Scott, Trustees Virginia Gross, Kim Lewis, Kevin Foust, Bob Prentice, and Attorney Bob Soltis

Absent: Trustee Dave Greve, Chief Jeff Mattioli, and Clerk Wanda Holewa

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

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Gobble

President Gobble reviewed the rules for public participation at meetings.

Public Comments:

1. Scott Alexander, resident on Gull Rd. and business owner in Richland, presented himself as a representative of John Caras, owner of the Professional Building. Mr. Alexander briefly went over the proposals that John Caras had sent to the village clerk (Deputy Clerk Scott) in regards to: 1) Abolishment of Nuisance Parking Spaces, 2) Additional Parallel Parking, and 3) Installation of Handicap Ramp. President Gobble stated that the council would review the proposals and pass them along to the appropriate people for further discussion and consideration.
2. Virginia Mejeur, resident of N. 32nd St., commented that Mr. Alexander referred to Mr. Scott as the clerk and Mr. Scott is not the clerk. She further stated that when Hardings redid their parking lot, they put parking spaces so close to the sidewalk that it is creating a hazard. Mrs. Mejeur expressed her concern and stated accounts in which she witnessed walking and bike riding pedestrians having near miss accidents with cars that were parked and opening their doors. Mr. Scott Alexander commented that the whole area allows vehicles to cut through, as there is no apparent sidewalk. Miss Lucille Gay, resident of East DE Ave., commented that there used to be curbs along the sidewalk to prevent cars from entering, but they are no longer there.
3. Trustee Prentice wanted to reiterate to the council and public, that the public comment portion of the meetings are intended for citizens to voice comments or concerns about issues that are not on the agenda. Mr. Prentice stated that the initial public comment (those comments voiced by Mr. Scott Alexander, who's issues where on the agenda) strayed from the real purpose of the public comments.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss Holewa vs. The Village of Richland with village attorney James Straub. Gobble/Gross. Roll Call: Foust – Yes, Gross – Yes, Lewis – Yes, Koporetz – Yes, Gobble – Yes, Prentice – Yes. Absent: Greve – **Carried**

Motion to return to open session. Gross/Lewis – **Carried**

Motion to follow recommendation of Attorney James Straub as discussed in closed session.
Lewis/Gross – **Carried**

Minutes:

1. **Motion** to approve July 13, 2015 regular meeting minutes as amended. Lewis/Foust – **Carried.**
2. **Motion** to approve July 24, 2015 special meeting minutes. Gross/Lewis – **Carried.**

Treasurers Report:

1. Treasurer Edds advised that the July cash balances of approximately \$262,000 are due to the collection of taxes throughout the month. Mr. Edds expressed that more taxes were received on time this year and posted within the month, as compared to previous years. Mr. Edds advised that all cash balances look good and there is no area of concern.
2. Mr. Edds suggested to the council that, at next month's meeting, there be a motion to pay ADVIA Credit Union for this year. He stated that the funds are available and by paying early, the village would save money in interest payments.
3. President Pro Tem Koporetz asked Mr. Edds why there was no line item for collected taxes. Mr. Edds stated that the total was from line one on the revenue's page, but he could add in a tax line to the summary page for the future.
4. President Gobble asked what Mr. Edds' opinion was on the collected tax amounts. Mr. Gobble pointed out that total amount of taxes collected was less than the budgeted estimate. Mr. Edds estimated that approximately 80% to 85% of taxes are paid, leaving approximately 20% uncollected. However, he stated, he has already collected \$15,000 plus in the first couple days of August.
5. President Pro Tem Koporetz asked what the revenue listed in "other" revenue for 1890.85 was. Mr. Edds was unsure of the specifics and would look into this for her.
6. President Gobble expressed his concern over the state share revenues and whether they are coming in regularly. Mr. Edds advised that they are steadily coming in every month and there should be no concern over this.
7. President Pro Tem Koporetz asked what the \$225.00 listed for flower urns on page 5 was from as she did not recall any pots or urns being purchased. Deputy Scott advised that he would look into this.
8. President Pro Tem Koporetz inquired about the barricade expense. Deputy Clerk Scott advised this was the rental of cones for the 4th of July parade. Mrs. Koporetz asked Mr. Scott to look into the purchase of cones for the future, rather than renting them for each event.
9. President Pro Tem Koporetz asked why there was not a budgeted amount for siren utilities. Treasurer Edds was unsure and stated that this may have been overlooked. Mrs. Koporetz did not express concern over the amount, as the utilities were not a significant amount, but a budget line needed to be entered for next year.
10. **Motion** to approve payables. Koporetz/Gross – **Carried**

Committee Reports:

Police – 98 incidents, 131 citations, and 137 verbal warnings for the month of July.

Fire Department – Report unavailable

Streets – Trustee Prentice advised that the village is on the schedule for Tustins to come out and start the street repairs. We should see them starting within the next couple of weeks. President Gobble asked if there was any status on the engineer’s review of the streets for the 20 year concept plan. Mr. Prentice did not have a status. Mr. Gobble asked Deputy Clerk Scott to look into this matter.

Trees & Parks – Trustee Lewis advised that October 1, 2015 will be the day that all of the flowers are pulled from the pots and planters. She also advised that on September 8, 2015, she will be riding with Gull Lake Landscaping to look for any additional trees that may need to be pulled. (See attachment)

Buildings/Community Hall – See old business (1)

Zoning/Ordinance – None at this time

P.P.P – President Pro Tem Koporetz advised that Deputy Clerk Scott has completed the PPP manual and she will be looking the final draft over. Once she approves, Mr. Scott can then start printing them off for everyone.

Public Service – None at this time

Ad Hoc – Trustee Lewis will be meeting with Deputy Clerk Scott to get the newsletter finalized.

Old Business:

1. The acoustic panels have been ordered and should arrive within the next 7 to 10 days. Once received, they will be installed, the speakers will be installed in their correct positions and the auditory sound in the hall will be evaluated after that.
2. **Motion** to approve the insurance policy as set forth by The Ted Hartleb agency, in the amount of \$13246.00. Gross/Foust. Roll Call: Foust – Yes, Gross – Yes, Lewis – Yes, Koporetz – Yes, Gobble – Yes, Prentice – Yes. Absent: Greve – **Carried**

New Business:

1. There was a brief discussion about the proposals from John Caras. President Gobble pointed out that the handicap ramp would have to be done on the sidewalk and therefore would need to be completed by the village, although it would be funded by Mr. Caras. The parking issues may not be anything the village can address, as they are not owned by the village, however the issues will be discussed with the street commissioner, the building/zoning inspector, and anyone else that may be knowledgeable in this area.

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 – Lewis/Koporetz – **Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Scott,
Deputy Clerk

Attachment

Tree Committee Status Jul 2015

1. Trees reported by citizens to date for review for removal/replacement
 - a. 9477 Lightwood (right side) Michigan Hawthorne died
 - b. 9468 Richwood(right side) replace tree that was removed
 - c. 9470 Richwood (right side) replace tree
 - d. 9471 Richwood tree is dying out front
 - e. 8736 East D Ave- tree is dead-pull out do not replace
 - f. Across from Day Care Center dead
2. Sep 8, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. Rob and Kim will meet up with Gull Lake Landscape and do a drive by of all the trees in the village for review
3. October 1, 2015 is Flower Removal day. All folks who can assist in the removal of planted annuals please gather at Village Hall for division of pots at 5:00 p.m.
 - a. Sign to be posted on marquee asking for volunteers.