

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
August 8, 2016
Regular Meeting

Approved as amended based on revisions from Trustee Koporetz's notes. JWH

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

Absent: Virginia Gross, Robert Prentice

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

Public Comments: No citizen comments

Clerk Holewa informed the council that they would need to amend the agenda to include any discussions, as the agenda was only a template.

Motion to amend the agenda by adding Lewis report on CVTRS on Old Business Lewis/Koporetz - CARRIED

Minutes:

Motion to approve July 11, 2016 Village meeting minutes as amended. Koporetz/Lewis – CARRIED

Trustee Koporetz handed out revisions to the minutes to each council member. No discussion. President Greve asked if there were any more revisions to the minutes. ***See attached revisions submitted by Trustee Koporetz.***

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Edds presented the financial reports and answered questions from the council members. ***Correction per Trustee Koporetz's notes: Treasurer Edds stated that the revenues for the year are on track. President Greve asked Edds to provide a report that shows dates and approximate amounts for all regular revenue throughout the year, so that the council has a better idea of what money is expected from where.***

President Greve also requested Wanda to provide a full monthly packet to the Police Department when she creates the council's monthly meeting packets.

Accounts Payable:

Motion to pay accounts payable as submitted. Lewis/Koporetz - CARRIED

Old Business:

Trustee Lewis reported on the Cost Revenue Sharing discussed at the July meeting. She said that the village did not qualify based on statutory payments and population in 2010. Unless the CVTRS is amended, the village would not qualify in the future.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Police: Incidents-107; Citations-77; Verbals-100

Fire Department: 29 calls – 1 in village

Streets: no report

Trees: Confirmed dead tree, by Gull Lake Landscape, needs to be removed. Lewis had a quote from Total Tree Services for \$2,600.00 she also contacted Consumers power; their crews were in the village earlier in the year and they would not be able to do the work at this time. Motion to contract with Total Tree Services to cut down the dead tree, haul away the wood and grind the stump for \$2,600.00. Koporetz/Lewis - CARRIED

Buildings/Community Hall: Lewis to meet with the Community Hall BOC to research the deed restrictions further regarding possibly renting the offices vacated by the police.

Zoning/Ordinance: Trustee Smith submitted a request to print the Ordinances for the Ad Hoc group reviewing the village ordinances. Copies are to be provided for the council, Planning commission, Police, DPW as well as the Ad Hoc group. The cost is projected to be no more than \$500.00. Motion to order the ordinances copies from Printex for no more than \$500.00. **Cost to be funded from Administrative/Miscellaneous.** Copies to be returned to village when review is complete or people leave office. Lewis/Koporetz - CARRIED

P.P.P: no report

Public Service: State of Michigan Election Board sent a letter to the village stating that the council did not violate election laws by using village money to print and mail out fliers regarding the May 3, 2016 ballot proposal. **Correction per Trustee Koporetz's notes: *President Greve requested that Wanda post a copy of the letter from the State on the Village Website.***

Ad Hoc: no report

Administration: no report

Budget: no report

Public Comments:

Tom Chalker, 7802 E. D Avenue a Richland Township resident, announced that he would be seeking the Richland Township Supervisor position in November as a write in candidate. He ~~lost~~ **lost** the primary election by 45 votes.

Karen Thompson, E. D Avenue village resident, thanked the council for clearing the drains. She also suggested that the streets may need sweeping.

Council comments:

Trustee Lewis informed those present that she had arranged for Lt. Mark Gorzynski to be present at the September meeting to discuss the missile installation at Fort Custer.

Clerk Holewa stated at July's meeting that a police officer had included hours worked at the Galesburg Days event. At the July meeting she asked the council if the village had a contract with the City of Galesburg. Clerk Holewa spoke to Chief Mattioli the day after the meeting and he said that he would look into it; no contract has been given to the clerk. Clerk Holewa reminded the council again that village taxpayer money cannot be used for police protection for the City of Galesburg. ***President Greve responded that he would speak to Chief Mattioli regarding the contract.***

Trustee Smith proposed that citizens formally submit comments/complaints to the council along with evidence/documentation to support their comments/complaints. He thought this might deter frivolous comments/complaints. If the council can answer the citizen they will do so in New Business. If no answer is available at that time it will be tabled and council will respond at the next meeting. Trustee Koporetz suggested that a line be added to the agenda for council response to citizen comments under New Business.

President Greve will meet with Richland Township Supervisor, Lysanne Harma, to discuss the winter maintenance agreement. He also reminded Treasurer Edds to gather the yearly report of monthly receipts.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm Koporetz/Lewis - CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline W. Holewa
Village of Richland Clerk

See attachment

Revisions submitted by Trustee Koporetz for July 11, 2016 Council Meeting

Sue Miller, N. 32nd Street resident, criticized Trustee Koporetz's response to social media comments at the June meeting. Ms. Miller didn't think that it was appropriate for a Trustee to comment on the opinions expressed on social media at a council meeting. She said that Koporetz should take responsibility for what Ms. Miller believes are her illegal actions. Miller felt that the most egregious comment that Koporetz had made in her statement was comparing Richland Village to Ferguson, Missouri, Champaign, Illinois, and New Orleans. Miller stated that she would also like to respond to a letter posted on social media as well, one that Koporetz had cheered as well written. Ms. Miller claimed that she had sent this letter to the Psych department at Western, and they found it to be written by a budding serial killer. She accused Koporetz of being incompetent and a liar, the letter she referenced will be sent to the FBI. Ms. Miller accused Tom Koporetz of being the person that started the rumor about the police giving out McDonald's gift certificates, and alleged that she had proof on tape. Ms. Miller asked each of the council members if they knew what a Writ of Mandamus is. She ended by exclaiming repeatedly that Koporetz a racist, and was under investigation by the NAACP.

Recent email from Treasurer Edds regarding the CVTRS revenue sharing. Koporetz inquired as to why Richland Village did not qualify for the payment and all the other villages in the county qualified. Edds stated that there was a \$4,500 threshold that had to be met. Koporetz asked about the statutory payment; Edds did not know. He doesn't know the specific requirements and suggested that Koporetz contact the accountants. Lewis to contact the CVTRS website for information.

Streets: President Greve met with the County Road Commission, who advised the village to delay chip seal of DE Avenue it needs an overlay. Wait until next year for N. 32nd Street. A schedule will be set up for street repairs. Greve will contact Richland Township Supervisor regarding road maintenance of DE and 34th Street for snow plowing for Gull Lake Schools traffic. He will review costs of the maintenance with the township.

Buildings/Community Hall: Review Hall rental policy – clerk reported that the new policy is working well. President Greve asked Trustee Lewis if it was acceptable to rent the police offices left vacant in the Hall to a non-profit. Lewis to follow-up with the BOC.