

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
February 8, 2016
Regular Meeting
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, Kevin Foust, John Smith
Others present: Attorney Bob Soltis

Absent: None

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

President Greve reviewed the rules for public participation at meetings.

Public Comments:

Doug Penny, Richland Woods resident, commented that Richland Township allows citizens to comment on agenda and non-agenda items at the beginning of the meeting and again at end of the meeting for three (3) minutes each time. He suggested that the village council allow the same at village meetings.

Guest: Kristie Maiers, Richland Township Parks & Recreation Director, presented a Resolution in support of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail system for council approval.

Motion to adopt the Resolution in support of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail system - Smith/Gross – Roll Call Vote: Lewis-yes; Prentice-yes; Gross-yes; Koporetz-yes; Foust-yes; Smith-yes; Greve-yes. Resolution adopted.

Minutes:

Motion to approve, January 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes – Koporetz/Lewis – CARRIED as Amended

Amend as follows: Insert before Public Comments -- **President Greve addressed the audience acknowledging the sidewalk situation and stated:** I'm aware of the damage that was caused by the plowing of the sidewalks and as weather permits our DPW person will be working to repair the damage with additional follow up in the spring.

Also, under Zoning/Ordinance – Ordinance 016-1 Smith strike yes – he abstained from the vote as he helped draft the document. Text amendment for Village Core Overly - Smith strike yes – he abstained from the vote as he helped draft the document.

Budget – Strike Workshop replace with Finance Committee

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Edds explained amendments to the 2015 – 2016 budget. Motion to amend the budget as set forth by Treasurer Edds – Foust/Lewis – CARRIED

President Greve commented that the budget committee should meet in six (6) months to review the 2016-2017 budget.

Motion that the council members voluntarily waive their salaries for meetings attended in 2015-2016 budget year. Gross/Prentice – CARRIED

Motion to accept the proposed 2016-2017 budget which council believes to be balanced. – Prentice/Lewis – CARRIED

Motion to accept the Major and Local Streets proposed 2016-2017 budget – Gross/Foust - CARRIED

Public Hearing for the proposed budget set for February 29, 2016 at 7:00 location 8985 Gull Road, Richland, MI 49083.

Accounts Payable:

Motion to pay accounts payable as submitted including the Mlive and AGS invoices. Foust/Lewis CARRIED

Old Business:

Howland Flooring – Dixie Howland has inquired about obtaining a strip of land to the east of her property a right of way owned by the Village for the purpose of erecting her new business sign.

Motion – The Village to present an offer to sell the parcel for \$50.00 plus any actual expenses incurred for the transaction (estimated at \$2,500) to Howland Flooring. Prentice/Smith – CARRIED

Attorney Soltis informed the council that it would be considered a private sell and would be accomplished with an ordinance if Ms. Howland accepts the offer.

New Business:

Thank you card received from Frank Woodward for the floral arrangement that the Village Council members sent to Rosemary Woodward's memorial. *(It should be noted that the council members personally contributed money for the arrangement).*

Prentice proposed an increase for Planning zoning applications. It was tabled until a resolution is submitted, setting the fees and the effective date.

Committee Reports:

Police: 122 Incidents; 83 Citations; 99 Verbals

Fire Department: 23 calls – 4 in the Village

Streets: No report

Trees & Parks: No report

Buildings/Community Hall: No report

Zoning/Ordinance: Council questioned a Special Land Use for Gas station services - if whether a site plan should be submitted. Clerk to contact applicant to submit a site plan.

P.P.P: Proposed changes – Motion tabled to give PPP and Administration committees time to review proposed changes - Foust/Prentice CARRIED

Public Service: No report

Ad Hoc: Newsletter articles due to the clerk by March 21, 2016.

Administration: No report

Comments: Prentice suggested that 2 -3 minutes be allowed for citizens' comments at the end of the meeting.

Brian Collins – N. 32nd Street questioned the need to increase zoning fees.

Response: It was explained that the increase in zoning fees was due to the increased costs of publication.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm - Prentice/Lewis - CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline W. Holewa
Village of Richland Clerk