

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
March 14, 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, Kevin Foust-arrived late 7:15 pm

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

Guests: Greg Rosine, Vice Chair Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority explained the millage request that will appear on the May 3rd ballot to continue to fund public transit services.

Rich Rosenberger of Cornerstone Construction said that he plans to resume The Havens condo project that he started a few years ago.

Public Comments:

Bob Wenzel, Yorktown, has a tree that needs to come down. It is not clear if the tree is the village responsibility or his. *Response: Trustee K. Foust will use GPS to get the exact location of the tree which will determine ownership/responsibility.*

Minutes:

Motion to approve January 11, 2016 closed meeting minutes – Prentice/Gross – Smith abstained - CARRIED

Motion to approve February 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes – Prentice/Lewis. Koporetz suggested to amend as follows: *in response to Brian Collins question - It was explained that the increase in zoning fees was due to the increased costs of publication. Foust seconded the motion -CARRIED as amended*

Motion to approve February 15, 2016 special meeting minutes – Prentice/Koporetz Correct attendance: *Gross was present, Koporetz was absent. CARRIED as amended*

Motion to approve February 15, 2016 closed meeting minutes – Prentice/Foust – CARRIED

Motion to approve February 29, 2016 special meeting minutes – Koporetz/Gross – amend as follows: *correct the misspelling of Koporetz (several times), page 2 strike there replace with they – CARRIED as amended*

Motion to approve March 10, 2016 joint meeting minutes – Koporetz/Lewis – Gross/Foust asked the approval of the minutes be tabled until next month to compare Clerk Holewa's minutes with Richland Township Clerk's minutes.

Treasurers Report:

Edds explained the financial reports and urged department heads to delay expenditures if possible until July when tax revenues are collected.

Treasurer Edds asked why he was not given a copy of the questions raised by Richland Township attorney regarding the financials of village since he was specifically mentioned. Greve responded that it was not relevant at this time. *Greve said that the township attorney sent the email to village attorney Soltis and to save money informed the Township attorney to send future emails to Greve.* Treasurer Edds said that a Township board member gave him the list of the questions and he prepared the reports that he distributed at the joint meeting. Edds stated that the Township trustees were very appreciative to receive the information he provided.

Accounts Payable:

Motion to pay accounts payable as submitted – Prentice/Koporetz – CARRIED

Old Business:

Last month the village offered to sell a parcel to Howland Flooring. The parcel is in front of Howland Flooring and is actually a Right of Way. After some investigating, it was determined that the parcel was owned by the State.

New Business:

Village spring clean-up will be May 14, 2016. Stick pick-up will be April 20 – 22.

Motion to send mailing out to residents to inform them of the spring clean-up and also to include information regarding disincorporation of the village on the May 3rd ballot and Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority millage request. Cost of mailing not to exceed \$750.00. Prentice/Foust – CARRIED

Motion to approve 2016-2017 Committee assignments as presented by President Greve - Smith/Foust - CARRIED

Police: Prentice, Smith, Koporetz

Streets: Greve, Prentice, Smith

Buildings/Grounds/Trees: Lewis, Foust, Gross

Administrative: Gross, Smith, Prentice

Zoning: Smith, Prentice, Foust

P.P.P.: Koporetz, Lewis, Foust

Publishing: Foust, Lewis, Koporetz

Budget: Edds, Gross, Koporetz

Public Service: Holewa

Committee Reports:

Police: Incidents- 97, Citations – 84, Verbals - 84

Fire Department: 29 calls – 5 were in the village

Streets: No report

Trees & Parks: The village is a USA Tree City again.

Buildings/Community Hall: Rentals are up

Zoning/Ordinance: Discussion about a blighted property located on Railroad Street. *The clerk was asked to respond and followup.*

P.P.P: No report

Public Service: No report

Ad Hoc: Articles due to clerk by March 21 for May publication.

Administration: No report

Budget: No report

Citizen Comments:

Brian Collins complained about the yards that were damaged during sidewalk plowing by the DPW.

Response: DPW is working on repairing the damage.

Brian Collins also mentioned that the drain at the corner of DE and 32nd was clogged with about 6 inches of soil and he is concerned with flooding. *Response: DPW is aware and it will be addressed.*

Bob Wenzel thanked the council for their help in his area.

REMINDER: May 14 is the date for planting the flower pots. Meet at the Richland Community Hall at 8 am. No rain date.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm – Gross/Smith - CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline W. Holewa
Village of Richland Clerk