

Richland Village Council

8985 Gull Road

Regular Meeting

November 9, 2015

Council approved as amended --JWH

Present: President Pro Tem Gail Koporetz, Treasurer Terry Edds, Clerk Jacqueline W. Holewa, Trustees Virginia Gross, Kim Lewis, Dave Greve, Robert Prentice, Attorney Bob Soltis, and , Chief Jeff Mattioli.

Absent: President Paul Gobble

The meeting was called to order in the Richland Community Hall by President Pro Tem Gail Koporetz at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Pro Tem Gail Koporetz

President Pro Tem Gail Koporetz reviewed the rules for public participation at meetings.

Motion to amend the agenda to add a letter from President Gobble Koporetz/Lewis -- CARRIED

Public Comments:

1. Doug Penny, Richland Woods resident, suggested that when a site plan is submitted that the developer be required to pay for trees to be planted instead of the village.
2. Virginia Mejeur, N. 32nd Street, commented on the Radiant Church leaf pickup. She stated that the church is outside of the village limits and the village should not pick up their leaves. Ms. Mejeur also questioned if the village insurance covers village workers working outside of the village limits.
3. Bob Wenzel, 7723 Yorktown, stated that he was very pleased with the repair on the sidewalk by his house. He complimented Mike on a good job.

Letter from President Gobble:

4. President Pro Tem Koporetz read President Gobble's resignation letter effective immediately. He stated that he could no longer afford the time and effort necessary to serve on the village council. He will focus his time and efforts on his family and business. (see attached resignation letter)
5. **Motion** to accept President Gobble's resignation effective immediately - Prentice/Gross **CARRIED**
Roll Call: Gross-yes, Foust – yes, Lewis – yes, Prentice – yes, Greve – yes, Koporetz – yes
6. Koporetz asked the council to consider their intentions for the position of President. Council will appoint a new president in December.

Minutes:

7. **Motion** to approve as corrected October 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Foust/Gross **CARRIED** (Corrections: add R. Prentice to those present as he arrived late to the meeting. Correct #9 change "frivolous" - replace with - ~~cautioned the council to delay unnecessary~~ **limit spending to ease cash flow**. Per December 14, 2015 discussion)

8. **Motion** to approve October 19, 2015 special meeting minutes. Lewis/Greve - **CARRIED**

Treasurers Report:

9. The treasurer explained the treasurer's reports. He noted that the council needed to amend the budget.
10. The Clerk's salary should be amended to \$16,690.00
11. The Deputy Clerk salary should be amended to \$10,300.00
12. The Clerk's benefits should be amended to \$910.00
Motion to amend the budget as proposed by the treasurer – Foust/Lewis. **Roll Call: Gross-yes, Foust – yes, Lewis – yes, Prentice – yes, Greve – yes, Koporetz – yes - CARRIED**
13. **Motion** to pay accounts payable as submitted and include \$2,250.00 for Gull Lake Landscaping – Greve/Prentice - **CARRIED**

Committee Reports:

Police:

14. **Motion** to contact contractors to determine the feasibility and cost of relocating the Offices of the Richland Village Police Department to the current DPW building located on 32nd Street. The cost of renovations to the DPW building for office space to be funded from Drug Forfeiture account.
Prentice/Greve – **CARRIED**
15. Incidents 106 – Citations 146 – verbals 107

Fire Department:

16. 28 calls 7 within the village

Streets :

17. Survey of roads by Prein & Newhof – the committee will review and report ~~next month~~. Replace with ***at the 2016 Budget review.***

Trees & Parks:

18. Clerk to notify Charles Tolhusit the tree in question is on his property and therefore his responsibility to remove.
19. **Motion** to use Total Tree Service to remove dead trees for \$750.00. Lewis/Foust – **CARRIED**
20. Lewis presented proposed verbiage amendment for tree ordinance. She was told that it would need to be submitted in ordinance form. She will present it in ordinance form next month.

Buildings/Community Hall:

21. There were two sound panels left over from the sound panel installation. Radiant Church has expressed an interest to buy them from the village.
22. **Motion** to sell the extra panels at the village's cost to Radiant Church. Koporetz/Lewis – **CARRIED**

23. Clerk to send thank you card to Grace Spring church for the volunteer work that they did for the Community Hall.

Zoning/Ordinance:

24. The Planning commission discussed the signage issue and will review the verbiage Rebecca Harvey will assist them.

P.P.P: no report

Public Service: no report

Administration: no report

Ad Hoc:

25. Prentice would like to establish an Ad Hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing the current ordinances. The members: Prentice, Foust, Gross and Mattioli.

Old Business:

26. **Motion** to accept Miller Canfield's agreement to provide FOIA consultations on a "as needed" basis. Greve/Gross – **CARRIED - Roll Call: Gross-yes, Foust – yes, Lewis – yes, Prentice – yes, Greve – yes, Koporetz – yes**

New Business:

27. **Motion** to approve Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies – Greve/Prentice **CARRIED Roll Call: Gross-yes, Foust – yes, Lewis – yes, Prentice – yes, Greve – yes, Koporetz – yes**
28. **Motion** to allow \$100.00 for the purchase of cookies for wassailing Mrs. Brinkerhof to purchase at Sam's Club. Lewis/Foust – discussion: Doug Penny, a village resident, asked why the cookies are not being purchased at Harding's. Foust said that the clerk could do a cost analysis between Sam's and Harding's. Attorney Soltis offered to donate \$100.00 for the cookies Greve also offered to donate cookies - **Motion Withdrawn**
29. **Motion** to purchase cookies for Wassailing – Prentice/Greve – **CARRIED**
30. **Motion** to pick up Radiant Church's leaves and charge them \$150.00 contingent on if the insurance company would cover any liability issues – Greve/Gross - **CARRIED - Roll Call: Gross-yes, Foust – yes, Lewis – yes, Prentice – yes, Greve – yes, Koporetz – yes**
31. **Motion** to pick up leaves for the Village Green (Township owned) based on the acceptance of the Village proposal for service of \$150.00 – Gross/Foust – **CARRIED – 5 Yes 1 No**
32. **Motion** to adjourn 8:47 pm – Gross/Foust – **CARRIED**

Respectively submitted by:

Jacqueline W. Holewa

November 9th, 2015

To the Richland Village Council

Fellow Council Members and Friends,

Recent advents in our home and business life have made clear and plain something I've worried about ever since I was asked to accept the position of president of the Richland Village Council; I can no longer afford the time and effort necessary to serve on the Village Council. For the good of my family, I must focus my time and efforts on our family and business, and after over a decade of service to the Village of Richland, retire from the Village Council effective immediately.

While it might be tempting for some to attribute this decision or its timing to recent events within the Village, I want to assure you that my decision is driven solely by pressures unrelated to Village matters. I am heartened that I am leaving the Village in the hands of a talented, hard working and committed group. The Village is in your debt.

Thank you for your service to the Village and for your camaraderie,


Paul Gobble