

Richland Village Council

8965 Gull Road

Special Closed Meeting

October 1, 2015

Present: President Paul Gobble, Trustees Virginia Gross, Kim Lewis, Kevin Foust, Bob Prentice, Dave Greve, Attorney Bob Soltis

Absent: Clerk Wanda Holewa, President Pro Temp Gail Koporetz, Deputy Clerk Michael Scott, Treasurer Terry Edds

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

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Gobble.

Public Comments:

Virginia Mejeur, resident of N. 32nd Street, expressed her concern on the violation of MML org 65-5 Special purpose of any special meeting. She requested the council publicly state that item 7 should not be on the agenda. Attorney Soltis responded that item 7 was his agenda item for potential additions. There was nothing brought before the council as a part of line item 7, so line item 7 was not used.

Mejeur also asked for a response to her request for a DPW tour. Trustee Lewis responded that the committee has issued a preliminary response is to deny the request, due to the reasoning that the DPW building possesses sensitive information. Trustee Lewis went on to state that the request is still being explored. A response will be made in email to her by the committee chair.

Doug Penny, resident of Richland Woods, stated that he feels he needs a tour of the building to answer the question of can we use the DPW building for county lock up of impounded vehicles. Penny asked if the county garage can be used for lock up and expressed concern as to whether or not the council had seen all three police vehicles at the same time, to which Trustee Prentice responded that he had seen all three police cars at once.

Taddy Hodge, resident of 32nd St. inquired about the presence of the council at Clerk Holewa's hearing, stating that the council should have been present. Trustee Lewis responded that the council was not invited. In addition, Hodge asked why is the clerk starting Monday, stating that during court the judge had told her she may return to work immediately. Attorney Soltis stated that the court order from Judge Lipsey listed Tuesday as the official date for Clerk Holewa to return to work.

Jim Thompson, resident East DE Ave, stated that 18 months ago he asked for a list of the village assets and has yet to see them. He wants to know what equipment the village owns and its location. The "Gator", as Thompson referred to it, had only been seen being utilized three times. He requested how does the council justify equipment that the village is not using and said that he wishes for a list of assets so that he may see where his tax dollars are going.

Doug Penny, resident of Richland Woods, requested the board no longer use Gator to describe the vehicle Thompson mentioned, stating that Gator is a trademarked name of John Deere. Penny requested instead that the board use the term “Kabota” instead, even though the board did not refer to the vehicle as a “Gator”. Penny went on to suggest that we ask our attorney about the issue as he felt it was copyright infringement.

End of public comments.

Trustee Prentice made the motion to go into a closed session to discuss with the village attorney’s the case of *Holewa v. Village of Richland*. Discussion in open session may detrimentally affect the Village’s litigation of the settlement position. Motion was seconded by Trustee Foust. Roll call: President Gobble-yes, Trustee Lewis- yes, Trustee Greve-yes, Trustee Prentice-yes, Trustee Foust-yes, Trustee Gross-yes
Absent: Trustee Koporetz. Motion **Carried**.

The council entered a closed session with the village attorney's.

Open Session resumed at approximately 9:05 p.m., after waiting for residents to return to the audience.

Trustee Foust made a motion to follow the recommendations and advice given by the village attorney's during the closed session regarding the case of *Holewa v. Village of Richland*. Motion seconded by Trustee Gross. Motion **Carried**.

Trustee Prentice made a motion to table agenda items 5 and 6 until the October 12th council meeting. Trustee Greve seconded the motion. Motion **Carried**.

Trustee Prentice made a motion to adjoin the meeting. Trustee Foust seconded the motion. Motion **Carried**.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Kim Lewis