

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2015

Council approved as amended -- JWH

Present: President Paul Gobble, President Pro Tem Gail Koporetz, Treasurer Terry Edds, Deputy Clerk Michael Scott, Trustees Virginia Gross, Kim Lewis, Dave Greve, Attorney Bob Soltis, and , Chief Jeff Mattioli.

Absent: Trustee Bob Prentice and Kevin Foust, and Clerk Wanda Holewa

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

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Paul Gobble

President Gobble reviewed the rules for public participation at meetings.

Public Comments:

Doug Penny, resident on Richland Woods, commented that the acoustic panels work and they were a good idea. Mr. Penny then asked who gets the WMU comp football tickets. He went on to ask why the village is mowing the property next to Advia Credit Union. Mr. Penny stated that he is responsible for his property, so why are the owners of that property not mowing it. He added that if the village no longer mowed this property, then there would be no need for the big mower and the village should sell it. Mr. Penny stated that he saw the village truck sitting outside the DPW and feels that he and others should be allowed to enter the DPW building for inspection of equipment.

Virginia Mejeur, resident on N. 32nd Street, stated that when she originally requested permission to tour the DPW building, she was denied. Mrs. Mejeur asked for a tour of the DPW building. She also requested that she see the CDL and medical card for the driver who will be plowing this winter. Mrs. Mejeur then stated her concern with the 32nd street sidewalk that is against Harding's parking lot.

Jim Thompson, resident on D Ave., stated there were a lot of potholes in the village and that they should be addressed before winter. Trustee Greve replied that the potholes are on schedule to be fixed and that rain has put the schedule behind.

Minutes:

1. **Motion** to approve August 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Koporetz/Lewis – **Carried.**
2. **Motion** to approve August 24, 2015 special meeting minutes. Koporetz/Lewis – **Carried.**

Treasurers Report:

1. Treasurer Edds advised that the books are reconciled and that all balances are in good standing. Mr. Edds advised that the village received another assessment payoff for the D Ave. project and advised that the council approve paying Chemical Bank loan early to reduce future interest.
2. Mr. Edds advised that there is an issue with the auditor and how they placed funds into last fiscal year. He advised that the correct amounts are written into the budget sheet. President Gobble asked, for clarification, if the ideal budget would be at 50% variance. Treasurer Edds confirmed that Mr. Gobble was correct.
3. Trustee Greve asked how many years was the loan for D Ave. Mr. Edds replied that the loan was for 15 years and is in year two now.
4. Mr. Edds then went through the breakdown for the payment to Chemical Bank. He advised that 40% was from the residents paying the assessment, 40% was from major streets fund and the additional 20% was to be paid through the general fund. Mr. Edds recommended that the village make a payment for \$17,887.60. Trustee Greve asked what the interest rate was. Mr. Edds replied that it is 2.99%. President Pro Tem Koporetz asked when the loan payment was actually due. Mr. Edds replied that is not due till April and that there is no prepayment penalty.
5. **Motion** to pay Chemical Bank as spelled out by Treasurer Edds. Gobble/Lewis
Roll Call Vote: Gross – yes, Koporetz – yes, Gobble- yes, Lewis – yes, Greve – Yes
Absent: Foust and Prentice - **Carried**
6. President Pro Tem Koporetz asked what the expenditures on page 4 of the budget that were over the budgeted amount. Deputy Clerk Scott advised that he will look into this and get an itemized list to the council.

Committee Reports:

Police – 95 incidents, 147 citations, and 130 verbal warnings for the month of June.

Fire Department – Report available for viewing on richlandtwp.net

Streets – Pothole repairs are scheduled to be done by the end of the month, but weather could delay this as well. Chief Mattioli advised that we now have estimated costs on putting additional parking on 32nd street, as this will stop vehicle from cutting in and out of the parking lot and greatly reduce the safety hazard. President Gobble advised to move ahead with this and get 3 bids to present at next council meeting. Chief Mattioli advised that we have tentative dates for fall leaf pick-up.

Trees & Parks – Trustee Lewis went over the dead tree removal/replacement list and advised that the next step was to contact the residents who requested this work and make sure they still want the trees removed/replaced.

Buildings/Community Hall – Sound panels have been installed and have greatly reduced the echo in the community hall. So far, there has been only positive comments about the panels and the effects.

Zoning/Ordinance – None at this time

P.P.P – President Pro Tem has given Deputy Clerk Scott the final draft of the PPP book. Mr. Scott advised that he will have the final version ready for printing in the next few weeks.

Public Service – None at this time

Ad Hoc – Trustee Lewis advised that newsletter bids were collected and content is ready.

Motion to use Printex to format, print, and bulk mail the newsletter. Gross/Koporetz - **Carried**

Old Business:

1. President Gobble asked if there was anyone present that could represent the Planning Commission and the proposed text amendments. Attorney Soltis commented that there is not a proper ordinance presented and no vote could be done.

Motion to table till the proper ordinance was presented and someone from the Planning Commission was present to answer any questions. – Koporetz/Greve - **Carried**

New Business:

1. **Motion** to pay Accident Fund the addition 3888.00 for workers comp insurance. – Koporetz/Gross
Roll Call Vote: Gross – Yes, Greve – yes, Gobble – yes, Lewis – yes, Koporetz – yes
Absent: Foust and Prentice – **Carried**
2. **Motion** to approve Winter Maintenance agreement with Township. – Koporetz/Greve – **Carried**
3. **Motion** to approve Consumers Energy streetlight contract. Gross/Lewis – **Carried**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. –Lewis/Gross - **Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Scott,
Deputy Clerk