

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2013
As corrected JWH

Present: President Bob Prentice, Clerk Jacqueline Holewa, Treasurer Terry Edds and Trustees: Diane Briggs, Paul Gobble, Rob Brinkerhoff, Doug Jonas, ~~Gail Koporetz~~, Virginia Gross, and Chief Mattioli

Absent: Gail Koporetz

The meeting was called to order in the Village Hall by President Bob Prentice, at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bob Prentice

Guests: no comments

Minutes:

- 1. Motion to approve November 11, 2013 minutes Gobble/Brinkerhoff– CARRIED**

Bills Payable:

- 2. Motion to accept Warrant 0005– Gobble/Brinkerhoff – CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

- 3. Edds reviewed/explained the monthly reports. Reminded the trustees that budgets were due.**

Old Business:

Discussion: M-DOT meeting for the D Avenue road project will be held at 2:30 December 11
Prentice urged the trustees to attend the meeting.

New Business:

Discussion:

- 4. Rich Pierson with Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority explained the proposed ordinance to amend Village ordinance No. 008-2. Gobble asked Pierson to explain the Miscellaneous User Fees and the appeal process. Pierson explained that the ordinance would allow GLSWA to enforce and control fees due to negligent acts by the user. Brinkerhoff stated that he would like to have more time to review the proposed ordinance.**

Action Point:

5. **Motion to set aside further discussion until the January 13, 2014 regular meeting. Brinkerhoff/ Gobble – CARRIED**
6. **President Prentice to speak to Village attorney R. Soltis and report back to council.**

Discussion:

The Flex Plan was discussed. The police officers will be moving their current FSA benefit to their HSA in January 2014. New law limits employer contributions to the Flex Plan to \$500.00 per year a reduction of 58%. Currently, the clerk and treasurer receive \$1937.00 combined. Basic, the company that provides the policy, charges the Village \$401.00 for a self-administered plan. The clerk's suggested that the benefit be dropped due to the fact that it wasn't worth the money. The Village would pay the insurance company \$401.00 for the clerk to self-administer \$800.00 of benefits.

Action Points:

7. **Motion to discontinue the Flex Plan for the clerk and treasurer for 2014. Gross/Brinkerhoff – CARRIED**

Discussion:

8. Troy Feltman, with Associated Government Services, Inc., presented a brief description of AGS services to the council. Council members were interested in the services.

Action Point:

9. The Council would discuss it at a later date. They would like to include members of the Planning Commission in the discussion.

Police Report:

10. 67 Incidents; 156 Citations; 48 Verbals
11. Police are waiting on the 3 Tahoes from WMU – soon hopefully.
12. The police department received \$38,000 grant from Homeland Security for the purchase of radios the Village share is \$4,000.
13. Chief Mattioli explained that the department is not using a K-9 at the present time. K-9 expenses are included in the Police Department budget.

Action Point:

Motion to amend the budget – transfer the budgeted \$500 in the K-9 expenses (101.301.806) to contract services line (101.301.801). Brinkerhoff/Gobble - CARRIED

Fire Report:

14. 35 calls – 4 calls in Village

Trees/Park Report:

15. 15 trees planted in the village.
16. Richland Township declined President Prentice's offer made at the joint meeting to mow the park for the township.

Buildings/Grounds/Community Hall:

17. 100 used chairs and chair dollies were purchased from Steelcase in Grand Rapids. Funds from the Rescue the Community Hall paid for the chairs.

Streets:

18. Jonas explained the D Avenue road project proposal developed by the committee. The committee will continue to work on the final proposal. Bids were lower than previously projected.

Budget committee report:

19. Budget meeting scheduled for January 9, 2014 – 3:00 at the Community Hall.

Administrative Report: NONE

Zoning Report: NONE

P.P.P. Report: NONE

Public Service:

20. Wassailing was a huge success.

AD Hoc Report:

21. Prentice handed out funding ideas for the D Avenue road project.

Motion to adjourn– Gobble/Brinkerhoff - CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Wanda Holewa,

Village of Richland Clerk