

**Richland Village Council**  
**8985 Gull Road**  
**Special Meeting**  
**July 10, 2014**

**Present:** President Bob Prentice, Clerk Jacqueline Holewa, and Trustees: Rob Brinkerhoff, Gail Koporetz, Doug Jonas

**Absent:** Virginia Gross, Diane Briggs, Paul Gobble

**Also Present:** Mike Schwartz, engineer with Prein & Newhof

**The meeting was called to order in the Richland Community Hall by President Bob Prentice, at 5:43 pm**

**Pledge of allegiance was led by President Prentice.**

Discussion: The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss East D Avenue drain issues.

1. President Prentice turned the meeting over to Trustee Gail Koporetz.
2. Koporetz asked about the drain issues on East D Avenue – reports of flooding in some properties.
3. Mike Schwartz explained that when a road project is completed the contractor will insert silt bags into the drains to prevent debris from filling up the catch basins. With the heavy rains, the bags filled up with debris preventing the water from entering the basin. The bags have been removed and there should not be any flooding in the future.
4. Koporetz felt that two driveways located at 8622 East D Avenue (Rolstad) and 8650 East D Avenue (Bosier) are not functional.
5. Mike Schwartz explained that the drives have been inspected by MDOT officials and found to be within MDOT code limits. MDOT suggested that the covers could be switched. He explained that the Village and MDOT entered into the contract and everything is filtered through MDOT with the contractors. MDOT wants the Village to be happy with the project.
6. Jonas asked why the basins were placed so close to the driveways and if the basins could be moved.
7. Brinkerhoff stated that he thought the fair solution to the problem of the driveways is to relocate the catch basins away from the driveways. Prentice, Jonas and Koporetz agreed that relocation was the best solution.
8. Koporetz stated that the village pays Prein & Newhof to oversee and prevent these types of problems.
9. Prentice asked what the cost would be to move the drains. Mike Schwartz replied that a work order would be placed and the contractor would bid the job.
10. Jonas is concerned about the costs and how to fund them.
11. The council members felt that the village is not liable for the costs to repair the problem.

**Action points:**

12. Clerk to write letter to Rolstads explaining the silt bag situation and instruct them to contact the office if problems arise in the future.
13. **Motion: The council believes the problem is an engineering mistake and the Village is not liable for costs associated with repairs of the problem. And the council directs Mike Schwartz of Prein & Newhof to contact MDOT to facilitate proposals from the contractor to relocate the drains located at 8622 East D Avenue (Rolstad property) and 8650 East D Avenue (Bosier property) to another site. Proposals to be presented to the council as soon as possible. Brinkerhoff/Jonas - CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Wanda Holewa,

Village of Richland Clerk