

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2014

Present: President Bob Prentice, Clerk Jacqueline Holewa, Treasurer Terry Edds and Trustees: Diane Briggs, Virginia Gross, Paul Gobble, Rob Brinkerhoff, Gail Koporetz, and Attorney Robert Soltis

Absent: Doug Jonas

The meeting was called to order in the Richland Community Hall by President Bob Prentice, at 7: 03 pm

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Prentice.

Guest comments:

Virginia Mejeur stated that she has a hearing problem and cannot hear everything that is said. She asked if the village has a speaker system to aid those in the audience with hearing problems.

Donna Rolstad inquired about the drains on East D Avenue. Stated that some flooding occurs and suggested that the village consider cleaning/sweeping the street to remove excess debris generated by the construction project. She also questioned the possibility of the residents with the Kent County curbs being assessed at a different rate from those with concrete curbs. Prentice stated that all East D Avenue residents would be assessed at the same rate.

Mike Atkinson has an issue with the heavy equipment driving over his relatively new driveway and broke his driveway pavement and now the water does not drain properly. He also criticized the cutting of the AT&T lines by the construction company.

Jim Thompson inquired about a method to monitor the fuel for police & DPW being used, to trim the budget.

Ray Holewa protested the interrogation by the Police Department of his neighbors regarding the police accusing the Clerk of being on a "Kill the Vill" committee. He mentioned that he had spoken privately to President Prentice regarding the matter and no action has been taken.

Sue Miller speaking to the same stated that at last month's meeting the Police chief stated that he was not aware that the officers were questioning residents and assured her that he would look into the matter and get back with her. He has not replied.

Minutes & Bills Payable

1. **Motion** to approve June 9, 2014 minutes – Brinkerhoff/Gobble – **CARRIED**
2. **Motion** to approve June 30, 2014 minutes – Brinkerhoff/Gobble – **CARRIED**
3. **Motion** to approve July 10, 2014 minutes – Gross/Brinkerhoff – **CARRIED**

4. **Motion** to approve Warrant 0012 as presented and approve the bills payable list. Brinkerhoff/Gobble - **CARRIED**

Treasurer's report:

5. The Treasurer explained the financial reports and commented that he had added a new fund account for the Pre-adjudicated Drug Forfeiture. The Pre-adjudicated Drug Forfeiture fund is now under the control of the Treasurer.

Old Business:

Discussion:

6. EMC Insurance Company presented a renewal proposal for the period – August1, 2014 – August 1, 2015. He said that coverage changes had been made regarding the selling/purchase of vehicles and equipment. He also pointed out that the policy premium (\$13,774) is \$9.00 less than last year's premium.

Action point:

7. **Motion** to accept EMC Insurance proposal as presented. Brinkerhoff/Gross – **CARRIED**

Discussion:

8. Resolution Adopting the Proposal and Submission of Proposed Ordinance 014-2 at Next General Election was discussed. The clerk presented a letter from Jackie Light, Richland Township clerk, verifying that all signatures on the Referendum Petitions were valid Village registered voters and all petitions were properly dated and signed by the circulator, Raymond Holewa.

Action Point:

9. **Motion** to adopt Resolution Adopting the Proposal and Submission of Proposed Ordinance 014-2 at Next General Election – Brinkerhoff/Gobble – ROLL CALL VOTE: Brinkerhoff – yes; Koporetz – yes; Gross – yes; Briggs – yes; Gobble – yes; Prentice – yes. Absent-Jonas **Resolution ADOPTED**

Discussion:

10. Jonas was to present evaluation report for Siegfried Crandall. He is absent tonight – Prentice requested that his report be postponed until the August 11, 2014 meeting.

Action Point:

11. **Motion** to postpone Jonas' report until the August 11, 2014 meeting. Gobble/Brinkerhoff – **CARRIED**

Discussion:

12. The clerk was asked to check all village documents (charter-ordinances) to verify if the council could change the council meeting date. Attorney Soltis suggested checking the General Law Village statute. No action by the council to change the date at this time.

Action Point:

13. Clerk to research the statute.

Discussion:

14. Brinkerhoff gave a report on the progress of finding a suitable audio system for the Community Hall. He had obtained four bids for the audio equipment. The Hall was tested for acoustics. Based on the test results Brinkerhoff recommended a company that best filled the needs. Peter Cook of Automation Design, comes highly recommended by the Community Hall renovation Architect.
15. Virginia Mejeur, resident, reminded the council that the American Disability Act requires the village to have a remote headset available to any hearing impaired person.
16. The size of the room requires 4 headsets per ADA requirements.

Action Point:

17. **Motion** to contract with Peter Cook, Automation Design, to purchase and install Portable Anchor "Councilman" package audio system. The system is to be funded by the Rescue the Community Hall Fund (donated from the community) for \$2,800.00. Brinkerhoff/Gobble – ROLL CALL VOTE: Brinkerhoff – yes; Koporetz – yes; Gross – yes; Briggs – yes; Gobble – yes; Prentice – yes. Absent-Jonas - **CARRIED**
18. Brinkerhoff to obtain competitive bids for remote headsets for the audience and present them at the August 11, 2014 meeting.

New Business:

Discussion:

19. MDOT requires a Performance Resolution for Government Agencies be adopted annually by communities to operate in the Right of Way.

Action Point:

20. **Motion** to adopt the Performance Resolution for Government Agencies and authorizing the clerk and DPW Supervisor to apply for permits for any activity using or DPW maintaining/operating within the Right of Way. Brinkerhoff/Goble – ROLL CALL VOTE: Brinkerhoff – yes; Koporetz – yes; Gross – yes; Briggs – yes; Gobble – yes; Prentice – yes. Absent-Jonas - **ADOPTED**

Discussion:

21. Gobble talked about the RABA annual Richland Independence Day Parade 2014 Sponsorship Agreement. By being a sponsor RABA agrees to call the parade the Richland Independence Day Parade and provide participation in the parade free of charge to village residents.

Action point:

22. **Motion** to pay for the sponsorship fee of \$440.00 to RABA for the 2014 Richland Independence Day Parade. Gross/Brinkerhoff – **CARRIED**

Police:

Incidents- 79; citations-162; verbals-69. 17% increase in citations, 17% decrease in criminal complaints.

23. Chief of Police job evaluation in progress.

Action Point:

24. Report due next month

Fire: 21 calls – 3 were in the village

Streets: no report

Trees: no report

Administration: no report

Community Hall/Building & Grounds – no report

Zoning: no report

Public Service: no report

Comments/reminders:

Brinkerhoff reminded all present that there are five council positions that expire this year. He encouraged all present to consider running for office.

President Prentice announced that he will not be running for the position of President.

Motion to adjourn – Gobble/Brinkerhoff — **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jacqueline Wanda Holewa, Village of Richland Clerk