

**Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Special Meeting
and
Public Hearing
June 30, 2014**

Present: President Bob Prentice, Clerk Jacqueline Holewa, Treasurer Terry Edds and Trustees: Rob Brinkerhoff, Paul Gobble, Doug Jonas, Gail Koporetz, Attorney Robert Soltis, Mike Schwartz (Prein & Newhof)

Absent: Diane Briggs, Virginia Gross

The was meeting was called to order in the Richland Community Hall by President Bob Prentice, at 6:30 pm

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Prentice.

Motion to open Public Hearing – Brinkerhoff/Gobble CARRIED

1. President Prentice began the meeting by reading the chronology of the East D Avenue project
*(see attached)
2. The meeting was opened to public comments.
3. The following people protested/commented about the East D Avenue Assessment:

Patsy Pancost	Mike Atkinson	Paul Foust	Peter Graham
Joanne Arvidson	Carol Healy	Donna Rolstad	Heidi Bryant
Charles Bryant	James Thompson	Douglas DeYoung	Dean Blanchard
4. Comments: Lack of communication from the council board regarding progress of the road, some residents were not aware that they would be assessed for the road, a precedent has been set (will the village need to pay for 60% of the next road?), Gull Lake Sewer & Water dictated the design of the road, the two different styles of curbs, who directed the project why wasn't the curbing caught earlier before the project began so that it could be taken to the village limits, more than local traffic on the road, were the sidewalk, concrete aprons and curbing necessary. Lee Crossley had two parcels that needed to be modified.
5. The council addressed the complaints/comments from the East D Avenue residents:
6. Prentice – GLS&W Authority did not dictate the construction of the road. It was designed by the engineers. The road was evaluated by professionals and council was advised that the road should be reconstructed rather than resurfaced – it would be more cost effective.
7. The sidewalk was added per village ordinance Chapter 28, Section 28-87 - *Where new streets are constructed within the Village, the developer shall put monies into escrow for sidewalks to be built according to Village specifications.*
8. Curbs were replaced as existed originally.

9. Mike Schwartz, engineer, assured the people that the project was reviewed by MDOT and Prein & Newhof, then bids were advertised and accepted by MDOT. The lowest bid was accepted. There are checks and balances for every line item.
10. Jonas stated that the Act 51 money from the State does not keep up with the costs of infrastructure and the council needs to find a way to fund roads in the future.
11. Brinkerhoff reassures those present that the council will do a better job at communicating in the future.

Action Point:

12. Motion to close Public Hearing – Brinkerhoff/Koporetz – CARRIED

President Prentice called the Special Meeting back to order.

13. Confirm the East D Avenue Road Reconstruction Special Assessment Roll modified to correct Lee Crossley's parcels 3903-15-485-050 to 3903-14-485-051 new owner Brian Fadden (\$1797.68) and 3903-14-485-060 to 3903-14-485-061 Lee Crossley owner. (\$1859.55)

Action Point:

14. **Motion to adopt Resolution Confirming East D Avenue Road Reconstruction Special Assessment Roll - Brinkerhoff/Jonas. Roll Call Vote: Koporetz-yes; Gobble – yes; Brinkerhoff – yes; Jonas – yes; Prentice – yes. Resolution adopted.**

Motion to adjourn – Gobble/Brinkerhoff – CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Wanda Holewa,

Village of Richland Clerk

*See Attached

D-Avenue Chronology

Village Council was informed by our engineering consultants that D-Ave would need major work. Further study showed the base of the road to be structurally unsound so that resurfacing alone would only amount to a temporary fix.

Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority presents proposal to complete the public sewer system throughout the village. Balance to be covered by an assessment of D Avenue residents ranged from \$6,700 to more than \$8,000 per 100-foot parcel.

Public hearing in April 2013 shows nearly 100% of D Avenue do not want sewer project. But most agree road needs re-building.

Village council votes to move forward with a road project only

Village joined the KATS [Kalamazoo Area Transit Association to improve chances of approval for federal funding.

Because village deemed "shovel ready village is moved us to the top of the list and eligible for Federal funds to assist with re-building D-Avenue.

The Village council accepts the Federal fund agreement to provide the bulk of the funds to re-build D-Ave.

KATS approaches the Village with additional funds since another district was not ready and had to back out. These additional funds support replacement of the existing curbs, driveway aprons, and sidewalk extension.

In total, with federal funding, the approximately \$500,000 cost of the road would cost the Village about \$200,000.

The spring 2013 Newsletter provided information regarding the upcoming D-Ave project with the availability of federal funds.

The fall 2013 Newsletter contained an open invitation to any/all D-Ave residents to become part of a committee to give input on all aspects of the project. Several D Avenue residents and three council members formed the advisory committee.

The final solution recommended by the committee and accepted by the village council was the 40%-40%-20% measure being presented this evening. 40% was to come from an assessment over 15 years of the residents of D-Ave., 20% to come from the State Act 51 money, and 40% to come from the Village's future street fund.