

**Richland Village Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 11, 2013**

**Present:** Clerk Jacqueline Holewa, Treasurer Terry Edds, Trustees: Diane Briggs, Rob Brinkerhoff, Paul Gobble, Bob Prentice, Doug Jonas and Chief Mattioli  
President Jeff Heppler, arrived at 7:30 pm

**Absent:** Virginia Gross

**The meeting was called to order in the Village Hall by President Pro Tem Bob Prentice 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pro Tem Bob Prentice**

**Guests:**

Tom and Gail Koporetz

Deb Cardiff, Kalamazoo County Environmental Health Division Manager

Eric Pessell, Barry/Eaton County Director of Environmental Health

- 1. Minutes - Motion to approve February 18, 2013 Budget Public Hearing minutes Brinkerhoff/Gobble – carried**
- 2. Minutes - Motion to approve February 18, 2013 Regular meeting minutes Brinkerhoff/Gobble – carried**
3. President Pro Tem Bob Prentice invited comments from the guests.
4. Prentice gave an overview of the March 4, 2013 discussion of the D Avenue project. He asked guests to keep their comments brief; the place for extensive discussion would be at the scheduled April 2, 2013 Village informational meeting.
5. Tom and Gail Koporetz D Avenue residents were under the impression that GLSWA would work with them on compiling information regarding the D Avenue road project and they were not asked. It was explained to them that the money for the road project became available unexpectedly and KATS needed a commitment by March 5 – the council called a special meeting for March 4 where the decision was made to accept the grant money. .
6. Deb Cardiff and Eric Pessell spoke on the value of sewer systems referencing Michigan Public Code – failure of a septic system is a matter of public health. Deb Cardiff gave stats on the septic systems located on D Avenue. Q & A followed.
7. Bob Prentice closed the discussion.
- 8. Treasurer’s report:** the Treasurer explained the monthly receipts and changes in the fund balance.
- 9. Bills Payable:** Accepted

10. **MOTION** to pay Michigan Municipal League annual membership fee – Gobble/Jonas – CARRIED
11. **MOTION** to accept Best Way Disposal’s bid for Spring Clean-up – Gobble/Prentice – CARRIED
12. **Police report:** 79 Incidents – 65 citations – 20 verbals. 36% increase in criminal complaints – 306% increase in citations. The police will be participating in two OWI Grant Enforcements in March.
13. **MOTION** to use Village attorney to research jurisdiction with sheriff for Drug Dog on school property – Gobble/Jonas – CARRIED
14. Gull Lake High School will use the Richland Police Department for all home games.
15. **Fire Department report:** the Fire department was called to the village two times in February.
16. **Streets:** Snow removal has been the main concern of the DPW.
17. **Parks:** no report
18. **Trees:** Consumers Energy sent a \$2,000 check for the 2012 tree plantings.
19. **Buildings and Grounds:** Bid package to be posted as soon as appraisal arrives.
20. **Community Hall:** Planning for a May 1 move in date. A Donor reception will be held in late May.
21. **Zoning:** Planning Commission hosted a MSU Extension – Form Base Code presentation in February.
22. **P.P.P.** Trustee Briggs to seek more information regarding FSA benefit.
23. **RABA** no report
24. **Public Service:** Spring clean-up May 18. Brush pick-up May 20-24. March 25 is deadline for all articles for the Spring edition of the newsletter.
25. **Ad Hoc:** no report

**Old Business:**

26. Tom and Gail Koporetz objected to the 2010 letter from President Heppler to D Avenue residents in the packet as misleading. They were told that the letter could not be edited as it established a record of the history pertaining to the D Avenue road/sewer project. The council agreed to give Tom and Gail Koporetz an opportunity to submit a citizen's letter to be included in the GLSWA packet. Scenarios in the packet were discussed.
27. **MOTION** to add the citizens letter to GLSWA packet to be mailed week of March 18, 2013. Packets are to be sent to all property owners. Prentice/Gobble – CARRIED

**New Business:**

28. Trustee Gobble discussed possibly changing the format of the minutes dividing motions/actions from discussions.
29. President Heppler reported that he had spoke to the sheriff regarding the Central Dispatch. Central Dispatch will be a separate entity and share costs for computers and radios.
30. **MOTION:** To hold public informational meeting regarding D Avenue road/sewer project at Gull Lake High School cafeteria on April 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm – Prentice/Gobble - CARRIED
31. **MOTION** to move the regular meeting of April 8, 2013 to April 15, 2013 to give the council time to review citizen comments from the April 2, 2013 informational meeting Prentice/Brinkerhoff – CARRIED
32. President Jeff Heppler gave his official verbal resignation of his intent to resign as Village of Richland President (he forgot his written resignation at his office). He informed the council that this was his last meeting as village president.
33. No action was taken was taken by the council.

**MOTION** to adjourn – Gobble/Jonas – carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

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