

Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2015

Present: President Paul Gobble, Treasurer Terry Edds and Trustees: Kevin Foust, Dave Greve, Virginia Gross, Gail Koporetz, Kim Lewis, Bob Prentice , Attorney Soltis, and Chief Mattioli.

Absent: Clerk Wanda Howela,

The meeting was called to order in the Richland Community Hall by President Paul Gobble at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Gobble.

Public Comments: Doug Penney, Virginia Mejeur, Pam Ross, Lucy Gay, Jim Thompson, Michelle Greve

Minutes:

- 1. Motion to approve the April regular meeting minutes: Prentice/Lewis. Changes requested
Motion altered to approve minutes as corrected – Motion Carried.**

Treasurers Report:

- 1. Motion to approve Bills Payable as presented by Treasurer Edds. Koporetz/Prentice – Carried.**

Committee Reports:

Police – 61 service calls, 128 citations, 73 verbal warnings.

- 1. Motion to approve the purchase of 5 bullet-proof vests with already-received donated funds:
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Foust, Gobble, Greve, Gross, Koporetz, Lewis, Prentice. No: None.
Abstentions: None.**

Fire Department – See report in packet.

- 1. Motion to pay invoice from Fire Department for \$16,557, Gross/Greve:
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Foust, Gobble, Greve, Gross, Koporetz, Lewis, Prentice. No: None.
Abstentions: None**

Streets – Dump truck is working. Waited until Proposal 1 vote before finalizing 20 year plan; will now continue. Trustee Greve has talked to Mike Swartz of P&N. Will verify if there is one more bill for the D Avenue services.

Buildings/Grounds/Community Hall

Auditory Issues – Brinkerhoff is working on sound baffles. Soltis asked if anyone was requesting an ASL Interpreter – no response from audience. Soltis asked if anyone was requesting headphones; Virginia Mejeur responded affirmatively. Ms. Mejeur has checked on headphones which will work with speakers and will give the information she found to Soltis. Tom Koporetz pointed out that headphones will

amplify both the sound and the echo, and stated that the baffles need to be installed first. Pam Ross asked if the council had considered moving the meeting to another location.

Zoning/Ordinance –

1. Zoning – Motion to approve Ordinance 015-1; Prentice/Greve.

**Roll Call Vote: Yes: Gobble, Greve, Prentice. No: Foust, Koporetz. Abstentions: Gross, Lewis.
Motion Carries**

Trees/Park – Arbor Day tree planting May 12th at 12:30. Tree committee is still working to get 3 quotes. Most places unresponsive. Flower planting is May 30th at 8:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Old Business:

1. Update on Burning Complaint: Police Chief Mattioli called the DNR and found that even though it is not against Richland Ordinances for the Meat Market to burn their trash in an accepted burning barrel, it is against Michigan State Law for a business to burn their trash. Chief Mattioli informed the owner of the business and burning of the trash has ceased.

New Business:

1. Clerk Position:

**Motion to hire as Deputy Clerk the person recommended by the Administration Committee.
Gross/Greve; Roll Call Vote: Yes: Foust, Gobble, Greve, Gross, Koporetz, Lewis, Prentice. No: None.
Abstentions: None
Motion to retain Paul Foust to train the new Deputy Clerk; Gross/Foust.; Motion Carried.**

2. One police officer has left the Richland Police Force.

Motion to begin the process to replace the exiting officer; Prentice/Lewis; Motion Carried.

Comments & Reminders:

Reminder of the joint Village/Township meeting at the Township Hall on Wednesday 5/13 at 7:00.

Motion for Adjournment at 8:26 p.m.: Gross/Foust – Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Koporetz
Acting Secretary