

**Richland Village Council
8985 Gull Road
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2013**

Present: President Bob Prentice, Clerk Jacqueline Holewa, Treasurer Terry Edds, and Trustees: Diane Briggs, Paul Gobble, Rob Brinkerhoff, Doug Jonas, Gail Koporetz, Virginia Gross, Chief Mattioli

Absent: none

The meeting was called to order in the Village Hall by President, Bob Prentice, at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Bob Prentice

Guests:

Pam Ross requested August minutes. Cindy Barnes expressed concern about the speeding on DE Ave since school began. Also, she does not want the speed limit raised to 30mph on DE Ave.

Minutes:

Action Points:

1. **Motion to approve August 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes — Brinkerhoff/Gross -- CARRIED**
2. **Motion to approve August 22, 2013 Special meeting minutes -- Gobble/Brinkerhoff - CARRIED**
3. **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer explained the reports to council.
4. **Bills payable (to be referred to as Warrant):**

Action Point:

5. **Motion to accept Warrant 0002 — Gross/Briggs – CARRIED**

Discussion:

6. **Police Report:** 106 Incidents; 180 Citations; 84 Verbals; 5 OWI events; 2 Seat Belts events. The Police will be working with Gull Lake High School to provide police presence at home football games. They will also be working with WMU for home football games. Both schools will be charged for the hours and will pay at the rate of overtime wages for the officers (which more than compensates for the police officers). The Village will be covered by the regularly scheduled officer during the game times. Brinkerhoff suggested that the extra money received from the schools be used to pay for extra police coverage on DE Ave.
7. Chief Mattioli asked the council to consider the purchase of 2 Tahoe vehicles from WMU for \$10,000 each. To help pay for the purchase he would sell the 2006 Dodge Charger for

\$5,000 and the 2004 Ford Crown Vic (dog car) for \$1,500 and use the drug forfeiture money for a total of approximately \$13,000.

Action point:

- 8. Motion to approve \$20,000 for the purchase of the 2 Tahoe vehicles from WMU. Gross/Brinkerhoff – CARRIED**
- 9. Motion to sell the 2026 Dodge Charger and 2004 Ford Crown Vic. Gobble/Brinkerhoff – CARRIED**

Discussion:

- 10. Chief Mattioli requested a wage increase from \$9.84 to \$11.50 for the police office manager.**

Action point:

- 11. Motion to approve the wage increase from \$9.84 to \$11.50 for the police office manager effective September 1, 2013. Brinkerhoff/Gobble – CARRIED**

Discussion:

- 12. Fire Report:** 30 calls – 1 in the village
- 13. Streets Report:** It has been 3 months since restructuring the DPW department and things are working well. The department is saving money by doing some of the vehicle maintenance themselves.
- 14.** The snow plowing of DE and 34th street agreement with Richland Township will reconsider the amount paid per trip.
- 15.** The D Avenue committee meets to discuss the project funding options. They have discussed a road millage/assessment village wide for 20 years to provide/fund road repairs in the future starting with the D Avenue road project.
- 16.** Prentice urged that the general ordinances need to be cleaned up.
- 17.** Drain cleaning – 3 bids. One company placed a bid of \$3,000 to clean only the drains in need of cleaning.

Action point:

- 18. Motion to allow \$3,000 for the cleaning of the drains in need of cleaning. Gobble/Brinkerhoff – CARRIED**

Discussion:

19. Sidewalks need to be leveled for safety factors and ease of plowing. DPW lead, Jeff Mattioli, explained to the council that the DPW could rent the equipment to saw the sidewalks for about ½ the amount of a company's bid.

Action point:

- 20. Motion to approve \$1,500 for the sidewalk repairs to be done by the DPW workers.
Gross/Jonas – CARRIED**

Discussion:

21. The Brandywine, Bunkerhill, Yorktown roads and the anticipated repairs to be done this year will be postponed until 2014 spring.
22. **Trees/Park Report:** Consumers Energy grant was submitted. The village needs to replace 10-20 trees lost due to last year's hot weather. The trees must be planted by November 15
23. **Community Hall:** the additional cost of \$17,000 for paving the parking lot used some of the money from the sale of the old village hall but was still less money than the projected cost for the demolition of Richland Community Hall.
24. **Budget committee report:** Would like council members to submit budgets for the next 2-3 years.
25. **Administrative Report:** Accounting duties have been changed: the clerk will now be responsible for payroll and the treasurer will reconcile the fund accounts.
26. **Zoning Report:** NONE
27. **P.P.P. Report:** NONE
28. **Public Service:** It was suggested that the Newsletter include short biographies of the trustees to acquaint the village residents with their elected officials.
29. **AD Hoc Report:** Gobble submitted a logo design for consideration.

Action point:

- 30. Motion to adopt the logo design as presented by Paul Gobble as the Village logo.
Gobble/Brinkerhoff – DEFEATED**

Discussion:

31. **Old Business:** Brinkerhoff brought up the subject of an ordinance to appoint the clerk and treasurer positions. It will be on next month's agenda

32. New Business: AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension – moved to next month's agenda.

Action point:

33. Clerk to contact AT&T for more information regarding the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension.

Discussion:

34. Council discussed the need to have the village attorney present at all meetings.

Action point:

Clerk to contact local village clerks to gather information about the pros/cons of having the attorney present.

Discussion:

35. Brinkerhoff stated that he would like to see several committees involving local residents:

Community Hall events plan, schedule, and coordinate events

Expanded 24/7 police coverage

Village traffic congestion

New Village development

Village governance

The village will coordinate initial committee membership, then committees will formulate their own leadership, schedules, meeting times, etc. and work when and where they can. The village will make information, documents, etc., available as needed by committees.

Motion to adjourn– Gobble/Brinkerhoff - CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Wanda Holewa,

Village of Richland Clerk