

Village of Riverwoods
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 5, 2022
APPROVED

Present:

Michael Clayton
Liliya Dikin
Andrew Eastmond
Michael Haber
Henry Hollander
Rick Jamerson
Kris Ford, Mayor

Also Present:

Bruce Dayno, Police Chief
Bruce Huvad, Village Attorney
Katie Bowne, Deputy Village Clerk
Russ Kraly, Director of Community Services
Carissa Smith, Village Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Document Approval

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 Appropriations Ordinance Public Hearing. Trustee Haber seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

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NAYS: None (0)

Approval of Bills

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the bills. Trustee Haber seconded the motion. There were a couple questions from the Trustees. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

Director of Community Services Report

Mr. Kraly provided an update on the hazardous tree removal program.

Deputy Clerk Bowne is the Community Garden Liaison this year. 17 residents have agreed to be part of the lottery for the 12 open spots. Trustee Haber questioned whether people that have not had a plot would be given priority over others. Trustee Hollander confirmed that to be how the process would work.

Deputy Clerk Bowne reported May 14, 2022 is Village Clean Up Day and the Plant Sale. From 10 until noon is Neighborhood Clean Up and 10:30-3:30 pm is the Native Plant Sale. Only cash or checks will be accepted for the plant sale. 11:30 – 1:30 is the resident BBQ and the Pat Glenn Memorial Tree Dedication will take place at 1:00.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Huvad reported CubeSmart reviewed the agreement concerning Thornton's. Thornton's is focused on reviews necessary to close on the sale of the land.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Smith reported on several items:

- GHA provided a review for Thornton's. An approval for compensatory storage will be needed due to the site restraints.
- There was a meeting with Lake County Public Works to discuss the logistics on the new lift station on Saunders Road.
- GHA is putting together a bid package for the Village Campus and Demonstration Center paths.
- There are a handful of residents that still need new water meters.

There was a short discussion regarding the use of MFT funds for roadwork for Village streets when Village street are combined with private streets for bid purposes. MFT funds are used for payment of work only on Village streets. Better pricing is obtained by a combined bid package.

Plan Commission Report

Ch. Laurie Breitkopf reported the Plan Commission did not meet.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ch. Sherry Graditor reported the ZBA did not meet.

Police Report

The police activity report is attached to the end of the minutes. Most of the fuel for Village police cars is now being purchased at the Riverwoods Mobil station. There was a large police presence in Deerfield where the department assisted in apprehending suspects for a stolen vehicle that crashed into a pole.

Information items from the President

a. Donation to the Deerfield Parent Network (DPN) After Party

Jenn Dubinsky provided background on the Deerfield Parent Network and went over the application for a donation to their After Prom event. The DPN is 100 percent donation based and works on a reserve to ensure continuity in providing the After Prom event.

Trustee Haber moved to donate \$1000 to the Deerfield Parent Network After Party. Trustee Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

b. Discussion regarding public display of support for various causes

Mayor Ford noted the Village frequently receives requests about displaying support for various causes at Village Hall and asked for the Board's guidance. Discussion noted the Board's lack of ability for independent review and how the determination would be made on causes to support. The consensus was to refrain from public promotions at Village Hall.

c. Bids for paths at Village Campus and Demonstration Center

Mayor Ford noted walking some of the existing paths around Village Hall can be difficult to navigate for less able or older guests, people in wheelchairs or pushing strollers. There is also no good way to get to the Demonstration Center from a parked vehicle. Mayor Ford believes the Demonstration Center would have better usage if it was more accessible. She asked the Village Engineer for a bid to replace the Campus wood paths with crushed granite, refresh the crushed granite and install a path from the parking lot to the Demonstration Center which will be presented to the Board.

Trustee Haber questioned fixing the campus paths and possibly putting in a new playground before completing maintenance on the existing paths that are regularly used by residents. Trustee Clayton noted the Capital Plan has \$220,000 set aside for pathway work and would recommend getting bids. Trustee Hollander noted MFT funds can be used for construction and maintenance of sidewalks and paths. Mr. Huvad noted the Board's policy decision has been that it does not make financial sense to repair the Deerfield Road path when it will be done by the County. The Village discussed removing the path considering that even short-term repairs will be costly. Trustee Haber encouraged the Trustees to walk the Deerfield Road path from Saunders to Portwine. Ms. Smith suggested putting together cost estimates to redo the Deerfield and Riverwoods Roads paths with tiered options. Mayor Ford asked Ms. Smith to provide a cost estimate for all the various paths – Campus, Demonstration Center and Deerfield and Riverwoods Roads for the Board's consideration.

Visitors wishing to address the Board

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items.

New Business

1. Re-consideration of play area concept for Village Campus

Mayor Ford asked whether the Board wants to reconsider the play area concept. The Board had the option with the original plan for the OSLAD grant to have the play area included, but decided against it. Board discussion followed.

Trustee Eastmond has recently seen more young families replace older families in the Village, and also believes everyone would benefit by this upgrade. Trustee Dikin would like to ensure the maintenance costs are also being considered. She suggested taking a survey to determine how many people want this and how many would use it. Trustee Jamerson noted a number of residents need to drive to get to a park currently. Trustee Haber would be in support of a play area if people will use it, but urged the Village to take care of the existing paths first. Trustee Haber suggested that Village has a play area in Thorngate, which he believes is open to all residents in the Village. Mayor Ford noted the Thorngate play area is for Thorngate residents only. Trustee Clayton is a proponent of the play area. There has been a significant turnover in the Village and there is an influx of younger children. Trustee Hollander noted the number of households with children has gone up 7 percent in Riverwoods, according to the Census.

Village resident Kate Levinson started a petition to gain support. The idea of having a playground is a community-building opportunity. People live in Riverwoods because it is in the woods. There will be a lot of opportunity for adults to connect as well. There is a parking lot and paths near Village Hall. She believes creating an environment around Village Hall is very important.

Village resident Laura Trevino noted the maintenance of a playground is not cheap. The insurance is also not cheap and the Village would be responsible should an injury occur. Ms. Trevino noted there is a park within a half mile of "where everybody lives." She questioned why the Village is spending money on something new when other things have not taken off. The mosquitos around Village Hall are terrible because of the number of trees. She does not believe building a new play area is the best option and suggested trying to change the rules in Thorngate.

Trustee Jamerson noted there are no parks within a half mile of his house and said that Ms. Trevino's facts are incorrect. Mr. Huvad noted the Village's insurance carrier did not discourage a park or playground. The Village will address liability concerns with the insurance carrier.

Village resident Maryann Chrzaszcz is new to the area. She has two young children and believes a park would be a great addition to the community.

Village resident Jennifer Kranitz would like to have a play area in Riverwoods. Ms. Kranitz agrees there are a lot of distinctions between play areas and parks. It is very important to have free play in nature. She believes Riverwoods residents love nature and open space.

Village resident Randi Merel asked if the Village could offer a corporate sponsor a possible branding opportunity.

Trustee Dikin is in favor of continuing discussion, but would like to see a response from the community. Mayor Ford noted the committee was advised to work with a landscape architect professional with experience in municipal play areas and equipment to generate options. Trustee Jamerson suggested asking residents to join the committee to weigh in on design work.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Committee Reports

Legal and Police – Trustee Haber reported negotiations on the police contract are ongoing.

Communications – Trustee Dikin is looking at reformatting the building permit application. She is also working on a link-redirect project for frequently visited pages. Trustee Haber asked about QR codes. Trustee Dikin is working codes as well.

Building and Utilities/Storm Water – Trustee Jamerson noted this will be a busy year in the building department. He noted a resident has an issue with drainage.

Woodlands/Ecology – Trustee Eastmond has made some progress on the Village Hall use policy. Trustee Hollander suggested reviewing the Village's cost share programs every few years for costs, modification or sunset possibilities.

Land Use and Roads – Trustee Hollander met with some residents who questioned whether the Village should continue to support a multi-use path on Deerfield Road. This is a priority for Lake County, and it has been funded and approved by the County. The Board has reviewed this several times and has approved it. Board discussion followed.

Trustee Clayton is concerned over the number of trees to be removed by the installation of the multi-use path. Trustee Clayton is concerned with the environmental impact.

Ch. Breitkopf noted the County's information states the Village has approved the path, which she is not sure is correct. Further, she stated that some residents on Deerfield Road are against the path.

Trustee Haber noted the Village set aside about \$250,000 to assist homeowners in replanting some of the lost trees.

Trustee Jamerson noted the Village approved the path.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Haber moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Hollander, Jamerson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on April 19, 2022 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bowne
Deputy Village Clerk

Transcribed by:
Jeri Cotton

Attachments:
Police Report



Riverwoods Police Incident Analysis Report Summary by Incident Type 4/5/2022



Activity is Through March 31st of Each Year

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
46 (7503) (Mortorist Assist)	29	26	16
50 PD (7572) (Crash Property Damage)	25	16	28
50 PI (7571) (Crash Personal Injury)	4	-	6
50 Priv Prop (7573) (Crash Private Property)	1	1	2
911 Hang up (7911)	4	4	4
Ambulance (7021)	55	31	63
Animal Problem (7245)	18	22	15
AOA (7001)	59	41	50
Armed Robbery (0310)	-	-	-
Assault (0500)	-	-	-
Attempt Suicide (7221)	-	-	-
Battery - Simple (0460)	-	-	-
Battery (0400)	-	-	-
Burg - From Motor Veh (0760)	-	-	-
Burglar Alarm (7082)	44	56	56
Burglary - Residential (0625)	2	-	1
Burglary (0600)	1	-	-
Cell 911 (7912)	1	-	1
Child Seat Inspect (7042)	1	1	1
Construction Comp (7078)	-	1	1
Controlled Substance (2000)	-	-	-
Credit Card Fraud (1150)	1	-	-
Crim Damage to Prop (1310)	-	-	-
Crim Sexual Assault (1563)	-	-	1
Crim Trespass to Land (1330)	-	-	-
Crim Trespass to Veh (1360)	-	-	-
Death Investigation (7231)	1	-	-
Deceptive Practice (1110)	2	1	-
Domestic Battery (0486)	-	-	2
Domestic Trouble (7130)	7	6	6
DUI (2410)	9	9	15
Fingerprinting (7039)	-	-	3
Fire Alarm (0733)	11	10	12
Fire Call (7024)	7	9	14
Fireworks Complaints (3001)	-	-	-
Forgery (1120)	-	-	1
Found Animal (7246)	3	4	1
Found Prop. (7156)	-	-	1
Harassment by Telephone (2825)	-	1	-
Hold Up Alarm (7083)	3	2	5
Identity Theft (7198)	5	33	4
Lock out - Vehicle (7051)	2	6	7
Lost / Mislaid Prop (7144)	2	1	2
Missing Person (7178)	2	1	1
Noise Comp (7078)	3	-	1
Notification (7049)	2	5	8
Other Comp (7079)	14	11	5
Other Investigation (7199)	8	10	7

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
Other Trouble (7139)	-	1	-
Parking Complaint (7522)	3	2	1
Premise Exam (7041)	474	295	220
Public Service (7040)	8	13	5
Roadway Debris (7250)	3	6	4
Solicitor (7063)	1	-	3
Suicide (7211)	-	-	-
Suspicious Auto (7123)	14	7	20
Suspicious Person (7123)	6	6	7
Telephone Threat (2820)	-	-	-
Theft from Motor Veh (0710)	2	-	-
Theft of Motor Veh (0910)	-	-	-
Theft Over \$500 (0815)	-	4	-
Theft Under \$500 (0825)	1	-	2
Traffic Complaint (7521)	14	9	12
Turned in Weapon/Ammo (7160)	1	-	1
Village Ord. Violation (7500)	2	2	1
Well Being Check (7045)	9	13	12
Total:	864	666	628
Crime Prevention Notices	141	164	171
Case Reports	44	72	56
Traffic Stops	344	538	501
Number of Citations issued	123	141	180
Number of Persons Issued Citations	83	117	112

25 houses are currently on the Vacation Watch list and are checked regularly.

