

Village of Riverwoods
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 3, 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
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 April 19, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Hollander seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Approval of Bills

Trustee Haber moved to approve the bills. Trustee Jamerson 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)

Attorney's Report

Mr. Huvad reported Thorntons is still being processed. Trustee Haber reported the Village's counter proposal was not accepted by the police department so there is no contract yet. They will go into mediation.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Smith noted Thorntons resubmitted their plans after receiving comments from Lake County. She followed up with ComEd on the corner disturbance. Ms. Smith is scheduling the remaining meters.

Plan Commission Report

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

Police Report

The police activity report is attached to the end of the minutes. Chief Dayno discussed the in-service mandated police training that will become effective July 1, 2022.

Information items from the President

Mayor Ford is working on a utility late payment policy.

Acting Village Clerk Bowne reported the Clean-Up Day will feature a Riverwoods band. She will be working on a map for Clean-Up Day. Trustee Haber noted in the past, people would clean up their street and leave the bag on the street. He asked about the protocol. Mayor Ford explained the bags should be brought to Village Hall. Trustee Jamerson previously picked up the bags in his truck. The Village will use their truck to pick up the bags.

Visitors wishing to address the Board

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board in person, via Zoom or via email.

New Business

1. Water Infrastructure Committee Status Report and Request for Approval of Topographical, Existing Conditions, and Water Supply Modeling Engineering Work in an Amount not to Exceed \$106,000

Mayor Ford highlighted the report. There are 369 unserved properties in the Village, which represents 1/3 of the Village. Some properties that have Village water received grants or had the fees paid by SSAs. Mayor Ford noted it is also a safety issue because there are no fire hydrants with wells. The committee understands the need for a discussion with the community on how to extend the water system. She believes the financing is very important to consider as a community. The first step is to gather information to determine the feasibility of the project. Mayor Ford shared a map of the Village that shows the areas without municipal water, which happen to be grouped together.

Trustee Haber questioned how many of the 369 households without water are steadfast in their view to stay on well water. He believes it is feasible to provide municipal water to all homes but questioned the financial aspect and how it would affect residents. Mayor Ford believes it becomes a question of cost but the Village does not know the cost. She believes it is possible to group the properties into larger SSAs. Mr. Huvard explained the Village has tried to rely on groups of homeowners forming SSAs; however between 2003 and today, there has only been one new SSA for water. The Village needs to come up with a financial package that makes sense, but it has been difficult because of the cost.

Trustee Hollander noted there are 87 properties that have access to water but have chosen not to hook up. He questioned whether the 369 properties would hook up to water and what cost they would pay. He is hesitant to spend \$100,000 before knowing whether people will pay for water. Trustee Hollander would like to query all of the residents without water.

Trustee Jamerson was part of the last SSA that was formed with 26 properties. 9 of the 26 properties have hooked up to water. The SSA passed with at least 13 people wanting water available to their properties. Trustee Jamerson noted there are people in Riverwoods that want water, but are not in an area that can form a contiguous SSA. He thinks it is prudent to do the research so the Village can poll the residents and determine the potential cost of the hook up.

Trustee Haber noted during the last SSA formation, there was an effort to include additional properties that did not want to be included at the time. He believes the cost will be at least \$20,000. The Village has a finite number of people to survey. If a survey states the cost will be \$20,000, how many residents will want municipal water.

Mayor Ford suggested doing both at the same time as the topographical studies can be used for other purposes. If this is done now, the study can be done with a drone which would be a significant savings. Mr. Huvard explained there were three different maps during the last SSA. People that were further away that wanted to be on municipal water were not in a contiguous area. He reported the current connection cost is \$23,500. Most residents in SSAs paid significantly less. If you ask people if they would pay \$20,000, the Village would have to pay a subsidy. Trustee Haber noted when his SSA was formed, the cost was about \$15,000. He questioned what that cost would be now. The number may be larger but the actual cost is not. Mr. Huvard asked if the opportunity was presented to residents that this is a one-time effort, would their vote be different. Trustee Haber suggested wording it, "would you be willing to pay \$25,000 if the Village subsidized the rest of the money?" He noted today's decision is should the Village spend \$100,000 before knowing if residents are willing to participate.

Trustee Hollander noted there are 450 properties without water. The Village gets requests every few months from residents that need water. The Village only hears about residents that want water. Either a significant amount of people is willing to work with what they have now or it is a small number that are vocal.

Trustee Jamerson noted it is not just drinking water, but it is also water for fire hydrants. It is a matter of public safety. As a Village, the trustees are here to serve residents. It may come at a cost that does not benefit all residents. Trustee Hollander would like to separate adequate fire protection from drinking water. Mayor Ford noted water mains are for fire protection. In order to get grants, the study and modeling have to be completed. The drinking water is not covered by grants, but would be covered by connection fees. Trustee Hollander believes it is in the Village's interest to ensure adequate fire protection. Trustee Jamerson noted it is the same water main. The incremental cost to supply water to all the homes is the cost to add valves for every home. That is a line item, but the engineering has to be done up front to get the proper flow to the proper places. The Village cannot afford to put in the water mains without having a buy-in from residents.

Trustee Dikin suggested polling the residents to determine whether there is interest and residents are willing to pay for water. Trustee Haber thinks the question is whether the Village is prepared to extend water mains where they do not exist, at the Village's cost. Before spending \$100,000, is the Village willing to spend \$2-3 million for public safety to extend the water. Hydrants are very important but those in SSAs have already paid for it. Trustee Clayton noted the preliminary quote from Gewalt Hamilton was about \$12-15 million. Mr. Huvard believes the Village needs to determine how much they will be willing to pay. It is not only what the residents will pay, but also how much the Village is willing to pay. In the past there were grants available. In order to do this project throughout the Village, there will have to be cooperation by both the Village and residents. Trustee Haber noted the project is not feasible unless at least half of the residents without water will pay \$25,000. Mr. Huvard noted the Village will also have to get easements. The process of forming the SSAs, getting easements, getting IEPA approval will take a number of years. Mayor Ford believes this is a project the Village should be looking at. The \$100,000 for engineering purposes has other uses and can provide more realistic numbers.

Ms. Smith noted the fire suppression demands the most psi. The modeling goes for the highest use because that is the life safety aspect that must be proven.

Resident Josh Balonick noted the Trustees have to look at the Village 10, 20, 50 years from now. His neighbors come from all different socio-economic backgrounds and income levels. Some of his neighbors do not want water. Mr. Balonick moved to Riverwoods 7 years ago. He is willing to pay for water and would put a fire hydrant on his property. Mr. Balonick only wants what is safe for his family. He understands some of his neighbors cannot afford to put water and he is willing to pay more for the safety. Mr. Balonick believes property values will increase if water is available. He urged the Trustees to be forward thinking.

Trustee Clayton moved to approve the topographical, existing conditions and water supply modeling engineering work in an amount not to exceed \$106,000 as well as a survey of the hypothetical SSAs of the groups of people without water. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion.

Trustee Haber questioned whether the Village can put out an RFP for the design build. Ms. Smith believes there are a number of design factors including the conservatory area, current utilities, agency regulations that have to be considered. Realistically, this has to be a phased project. Trustee Jamerson noted with design builds, the Village would not save money because the engineering will have to be completed anyway. Gewalt Hamilton has the Village's interest at heart while a contractor may not provide the best design and cut corners. Mr. Huvard noted an outside contractor may have additional challenges. Aside from efficiency, the Village wants to make as many residents as happy as possible. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Standing Committee Reports

Communications – Trustee Dikin reported the online building permit application is complete and has been used by the residents. Most of the permit forms and applications are now available online. She will revisit the new resident packet and add QR codes. Trustee Dikin, Mayor Ford and Acting Clerk Bowne visited the resale shop to say thank you for their efforts. Trustee Dikin started an elected official Facebook page.

Building, Utility and Storm Water – Trustee Jamerson will attend the County storm water meeting this month. The building report is in the packet and the permit fees greatly exceed the past two years. The department is very busy.

Woodlands and Ecology – Trustee Eastmond urged residents to support the Plant Sale and Village Clean-Up Day.

Land Use and Roads – Trustee Hollander attended a meeting on building bike paths. He went through the financial information on replacing the paths and maintenance. He hopes to get some grant money. Trustee Hollander suggested dividing the project in two, as one will be permanent and one will be temporary. The cost estimate is \$300k for Riverwoods Road and \$700k for Deerfield Road.

Trustee Hollander suggested developing an Ordinance to remove fees for inactive SSAs.

Finance / Economic Development – Trustee Clayton noted the Village is in the midst of the audit. The BS&A kickoff was in April and is underway.

Good of the Order

Deputy Clerk Bowne wished Trustee Eastmond a Happy Birthday and an early Happy Birthday to Trustee Jamerson.

Adjournment

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on May 17, 2022 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bowne

Deputy Village Clerk

Transcribed by:
Jeri Cotton

Attachments:
Police Report
Building Report



Riverwoods Police Incident Analysis Report

Summary by Incident Type

5/3/2022



Activity is Through April 28th of Each Year

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
46 (7503) (Mortorist Assist)	37	28	19
50 PD (7572) (Crash Property Damage)	28	19	28
50 PI (7571) (Crash Personal Injury)	5	-	6
50 Priv Prop (7573) (Crash Private Property)	2	1	2
911 Hang up (7911)	7	5	6
Ambulance (7021)	73	39	71
Animal Problem (7245)	21	28	18
AOA (7001)	77	60	63
Armed Robbery (0310)	-	-	-
Assault (0500)	-	-	-
Attempt Suicide (7221)	-	-	-
Battery - Simple (0480)	-	-	-
Battery (0400)	1	-	-
Burg - From Motor Veh (0780)	-	-	-
Burglar Alarm (7082)	62	64	58
Burglary - Residential (0625)	2	-	2
Burglary (0600)	1	-	-
Call 911 (7912)	1	-	1
Child Seat Inspect (7042)	1	3	1
Construction Comp (7078)	-	1	1
Controlled Substance (2000)	-	-	-
Credit Card Fraud (1150)	1	-	1
Crim Damage to Prop (1310)	-	-	-
Crim Sexual Assault (1563)	-	-	1
Crim Trespass to Land (1330)	-	-	-
Crim Trespass to Veh (1380)	-	-	-
Death Investigation (7231)	1	-	1
Deceptive Practice (1110)	2	1	2
Domestic Battery (0488)	-	1	2
Domestic Trouble (7130)	8	6	6
DUI (2410)	18	15	15
Fingerprinting (7039)	-	1	3
Fire Alarm (0733)	11	16	14
Fire Call (7024)	10	10	19
Fireworks Complaints (3001)	-	-	-
Forgery (1120)	-	-	1
Found Animal (7248)	3	6	3
Found Prop. (7158)	-	-	2
Harassment by Telephone (2825)	-	1	-
Hold Up Alarm (7083)	4	5	7
Identity Theft (7198)	7	34	4
Lock out - Vehicle (7051)	2	6	9
Lost / Mislaid Prop (7144)	4	2	2
Missing Person (7178)	2	1	1
Noise Comp (7078)	8	3	3
Notification (7049)	6	5	8
Other Comp (7079)	17	15	10
Other Investigation (7199)	9	12	8

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
Other Trouble (7139)	-	3	-
Parking Complaint (7522)	3	3	2
Premise Exam (7041)	580	436	250
Public Service (7040)	13	15	22
Roadway Debris (7250)	5	8	5
Solicitor (7063)	1	-	3
Suicide (7211)	-	-	-
Suspicious Auto (7123)	21	10	28
Suspicious Person (7123)	11	7	9
Telephone Threat (2620)	-	-	-
Theft from Motor Veh (0710)	2	-	-
Theft of Motor Veh (0910)	-	-	-
Theft Over \$500 (0815)	-	4	-
Theft Under \$500 (0825)	1	1	2
Traffic Complaint (7521)	17	12	16
Turned in Weapon/Ammo (7160)	1	-	1
Village Ord. Violation (7500)	5	5	8
Well Being Check (7045)	11	13	15
Total:	1100	905	759
Crime Prevention Notices	191	174	229
Case Reports	62	87	67
Traffic Stops	539	776	507
Number of Citations issued	208	249	185
Number of Persons Issued Citations	142	181	117

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

