

Village of Riverwoods
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 16, 2022

APPROVED

Present:

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

Absent:

Henry Hollander

Also Present:

Bruce Dayno, Police Chief
Tom Krueger, Fire Chief
Bruce Huvad, Village Attorney
Katie Bowne, Village Clerk
Carissa Smith, Village Attorney
Russ Kraly, Director of Community Services
Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Document Approval

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a vote, with Trustee Haber abstaining.

Public Hearing on Appeal for Dangerous Tree Determination

Present:

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

Absent:

Henry Hollander

Also Present:

Bruce Dayno, Police Chief

Tom Krueger, Fire Chief

Bruce Huvard, Village Attorney

Katie Bowne, Deputy Village Clerk

Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Consideration of Forester's Decision for 2801 Orange Brace Road

Mr. Huvard explained the Village Code has a provision which determines dangerous trees. The appeal provision allows a second look at what the Village Forester determined. If the Trustees reaffirm the Forester's determination, the petitioner can appeal through the adjudication process. The Board could also choose to modify the recommendation or deny it.

Ms. Stewart explained they identified four trees to be removed and one to be pruned. The trees determined to be dangerous could impact the roadway or right-of-way.

Mr. Ken Ashman, a 21-year resident, believes the Village should be held to the same rules as residents. Mr. Ashman does not want to incur thousands of dollars on what the Village determines to be dangerous and asked what standard was used.

Ms. Stewart explained they looked at the trees that are 8 inches and larger in diameter, species characteristic and proximity to the road and right of way as well as how a tree would fall. They also consider dead wood larger than 4" in diameter near the roadway.

Mr. Ashman explained the three ash trees and one red oak tree have not fallen. He believes there are three issues:

1. Whether there is a difference between a dangerous tree and a hazardous tree.
2. Whether all dead trees are dangerous.
3. Whether a dangerous tree was found on his property.

Mr. Ashman suggested he would remove a tree if he felt it needed to be removed however, if the Village wants to remove a tree, they can do it. Mr. Ashman believes this is an overreach by the government and he is trying to exercise his rights.

Trustee Eastmond asked about the level of compliance from other residents with hazardous trees. Ms. Stewart explained the overall reception has been positive and residents want to keep the roads safe. The Village compliance rate is about 75 percent.

Trustee Jamerson explained the hearing's purpose is so the Trustees can determine whether our consultant rightfully tagged these trees as hazardous. Mr. Ashman's responsibility is to tell the Board

why he thinks the trees are not hazardous. If the Board feels the consultant is correct, Mr. Ashman can go through the adjudication process.

Trustee Haber moved to overturn the Village Forester's determination on Mr. Ashman's property on Orange Brace. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion did not pass by the following vote:

AYES: None (0)

NAYS: Eastmond, Clayton, Jamerson, Haber, Dikin (5)

Adjournment

Trustee Haber moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The Public Hearing was adjourned.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the bills. Trustee Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Jamerson (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Treasurer's Report

Trustee Clayton presented highlights from the financial reports for the first seven months of the year. The audit final copies should be received by the end of next week. He is working on new 5-year projections.

Director of Community Services Report

Mr. Kraly reported The Poached Egg closed. There is a new buyer for the restaurant that wants liquor license and possibly gaming.

There are two abandoned houses. One house was sold. Trustee Jamerson suggested looking into receivership, as it was successful in the past.

Thorntons is starting construction. ComEd is unable to deliver the new transformer until 2024, so Thornstons is in the process of getting a generator.

Village Attorney Report

Mr. Huvad noted the Village is looking at new materials from Lexington. They will be on the October 6 Plan Commission meeting agenda.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Smith provided updates on the water extension located on the north side of Deerfield Rd. across from Elevate Care. The Village applied for permits and received feedback from the IEPA. There was a preconstruction meeting on the Village Hall paths and she will get an updated project schedule. The Deerfield Road paths were submitted for review by the County. The Village will go out to bid once approval is received. Thorntons has started installing a water main. Two residents have not yet responded to the meter replacement project. Hydrant flushing is almost done. Reservoir maintenance is continuing and the pump repairs have been completed.

Plan Commission Report

Ch. Breitkopf reported the Plan Commission met on August 11, 2022 and discussed Planned Unit Developments, density bonus, TIF, affordable housing, and population growth. They will meet on September 8th to discuss the text amendment on Planned Unit Developments.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The ZBA did not meet.

Police Report

Chief Dayno noted the police activity is attached to the end of the minutes.

Fire Department

Chief Krueger discussed the Department's community outreach program to ensure working smoke detectors are in all homes. If no smoke detectors are found in a home, they will be provided free of charge.

Information Items from the President

Referral of Review of Regulations Related to Short-Term Property Rental to the Plan Commission

The Village has been made aware of short-term backyard pool rentals. The Plan Commission will review current ordinances at a future meeting.

Resident David Frankel recently had an issue with a neighbor who rented their backyard pool through a website. The Police were called on a noise disturbance complaint. The next day, there were two birthday parties during the day. Mr. Huvad was asked to review existing ordinances.

Ecological Reporting

The Ecologist will give a detailed summary twice a year. The October 18 BOT meeting is slated for the summer wrap-up report.

Visitors wishing to address the Board

Dan and Sue Mangin, 50-year residents, had some issues for the attention of the Village: restoration after ComEd work, logs not removed from a vacant property, speed limit sign replacement and fire hydrant cap replacement.

New Business

Approval of Resolution 22-08-04 Authorizing the Release of All Amounts “Committed” in the General Fund to Pay for Sanitary Sewer System Improvements.

Trustee Clayton noted currently the sewer fund is fully funded and should be fully funded for the next 10 years. He would like to remove the “committed” designation in the General fund of \$1.6 million for sewer work.

Trustee Jamerson moved to adopt Resolution 22-08-04 authorizing the release of all amounts “committed” in the General Fund to pay for sanitary sewer system improvements. Trustee Eastmond seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Jamerson (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Old Business

Approval of Ordinance 22-08-08 Amending the Riverwoods Animal Control Ordinance – Second Reading and Adoption

Trustee Jamerson moved for Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance 22-08-08 amending the Riverwoods Animal Control Ordinance. Trustee Dikin seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clayton, Dikin, Eastmond, Haber, Jamerson (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Jamerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Haber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on September 6, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bowne
Deputy Village Clerk

Transcribed by:
Jeri Cotton

Attachment:
Police Report



Riverwoods Police Incident Analysis Report Summary by Incident Type 8/16/2022



Activity is Through August 11th of Each Year

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
46 (7503) (Mortorist Assist)	57	51	34
50 PD (7572) (Crash Property Damage)	45	40	38
50 PI (7571) (Crash Personal Injury)	9	6	10
50 Priv Prop (7573) (Crash Private Property)	3	6	2
911 Hang up (7911)	11	14	18
Ambulance (7021)	160	106	105
Animal Problem (7245)	46	45	34
AOA (7001)	169	115	129
Armed Robbery (0310)	-	-	-
Assault (0500)	1	1	-
Attempt Suicide (7221)	1	-	-
Battery - Simple (0460)	2	1	-
Battery (0400)	2	-	-
Burg - From Motor Veh (0760)	2	-	1
Burglar Alarm (7082)	136	115	130
Burglary - Residential (0625)	2	1	2
Burglary (0600)	1	-	1
Cell 911 (7912)	1	-	1
Child Seat Inspect (7042)	4	3	1
Construction Comp (7078)	-	1	2
Controlled Substance (2000)	-	-	1
Credit Card Fraud (1150)	2	1	2
Crim Damage to Prop (1310)	1	1	2
Crim Sexual Assault (1563)	-	-	1
Crim Trespass to Land (1330)	-	-	-
Crim Trespass to Veh (1360)	-	-	-
Death Investigation (7231)	2	-	2
Deceptive Practice (1110)	4	4	4
Domestic Battery (0486)	-	2	2
Domestic Trouble (7130)	11	9	7
DUI (2410)	35	37	24
Fingerprinting (7039)	3	4	3
Fire Alarm (0733)	22	25	26
Fire Call (7024)	16	21	25
Fireworks Complaints (3001)	6	1	3
Forgery (1120)	-	-	1
Found Animal (7246)	6	11	6
Found Prop. (7156)	1	2	3
Harassment by Telephone (2825)	1	2	1
Hold Up Alarm (7083)	8	13	12
Identity Theft (7198)	8	45	21
Lock out - Vehicle (7051)	11	12	16
Lost / Mislaid Prop (7144)	8	3	4
Missing Person (7178)	2	2	4
Noise Comp (7078)	21	16	12
Notification (7049)	10	11	15
Other Comp (7079)	43	39	24
Other Investigation (7199)	20	24	19

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
Other Trouble (7139)	3	4	1
Parking Complaint (7522)	6	11	6
Premise Exam (7041)	861	838	377
Public Service (7040)	28	23	48
Roadway Debris (7250)	10	34	14
Solicitor (7063)	2	6	4
Suicide (7211)	-	-	-
Suspicious Auto (7123)	40	28	48
Suspicious Person (7123)	23	15	22
Telephone Threat (2820)	-	1	-
Theft from Motor Veh (0710)	2	-	-
Theft of Motor Veh (0910)	-	-	-
Theft Over \$500 (0815)	-	4	-
Theft Under \$500 (0825)	3	5	3
Traffic Complaint (7521)	34	34	31
Turned in Weapon/Ammo (7160)	1	-	1
Village Ord. Violation (7500)	11	15	18
Well Being Check (7045)	25	23	29
Total:	1942	1831	1350
Crime Prevention Notices	350	349	419
Case Reports	134	161	133
Traffic Stops	1239	1617	788
Number of Citations issued	493	551	343
Number of Persons Issued Citations	346	385	234

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