

Village of Riverwoods
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 24, 2023

APPROVED

Present:

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

Also Present:

Bruce Huvard, Village Attorney
Bruce Dayno, Police Chief
Steve Zimmerman, Village Ecologist
Russ Kraly, Director of Community Services
Katie Bowne, Deputy Village Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm

Document Approval

Trustee Eastmond moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Haber moved to approve the bills. Trustee Dikin seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report

Trustee Clayton reported that the Village could not reach an employment agreement with GovTemps financial consultant Daniela Partipilo. The Village will recruit for a part time person who can be onsite at Village Hall three days a week. Trustee Clayton requested approval to continue the current GovTemps arrangement through March at a rate up to \$20,000 per month.

Approval of Continuing Finance Consultant Engagement with GovTemps

Trustee Clayton moved to approve the Finance Consultant engagement with GovTemps in an amount up to \$20,000 per month. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. 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 reported Thorntons should be ready for a temporary certificate of occupancy next week. One outstanding issue is that they have to show a plan for planting and landscape maintenance.

Holiday Inn had some ceiling leaks from their sprinkler system. They were told they have until Friday to have it operational or they will be shut down.

The restaurant King Shabu Shabu is closing. They will vacate their current space by the end of the month.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Huvard reported Village staff met with Lexington Homes representatives concerning the possible Federal Life development. Some issues that were explored include improving circulation, reducing impervious surfaces and creating recreation areas. An additional topic discussed was the detention basin slope to ensure it supports vegetation. Lexington representatives will not have a revised plan ready for the next Plan Commission meeting.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Kraly noted the Deerfield Road extension will begin on Thursday, January 26, 2023. There were three Thorngate water main breaks and all but the Palmer Court break have been repaired.

Plan Commission Report

Ch. Breitkopf reported the Plan Commission will meet on February 2, 2023 to continue the Public Hearing.

ZBA Report

Ch. Graditor reported the ZBA has not met.

Police Report

The police activity is attached to the end of the minutes. Chief Dayno noted there was a ruse burglary on January 13, 2023. The homeowner called the police. Fortunately, nothing was taken.

Information Items from the President

1. Water Infrastructure Committee Status Report

Mayor Ford explained the water infrastructure committee will meet on Friday with two new resident members. The survey results will be discussed at that meeting.

2. Compensation and Benefits Committee Status Report

Mayor Ford explained there is an Organization Chart in the packet. Mr. Kraly is working on a job description for a full time Director of Community Development position.

3. Riverwoods Residents Association Revitalization

Mayor Ford met with four residents that would like to strengthen the RRA. Mayor Ford shared some of the association's history and past accomplishments with the group.

4. Live streaming Capability Status Report

Trustee Dikin reported that the 2/7 Board of Trustees meeting will be live streamed. The live streaming will be one-way with no participant participation.

New Business

Approval of landscaping design services for the Police Department building by Indigo Ecological Design in an amount not to exceed \$5000

Mr. Zimmerman explained after eight years, the Village is looking at landscaping the Police Department building with native plantings. Mr. Zimmerman asked Indigo Ecological Design to put together a proposal. Trustee Eastmond spoke with the RPC who explained there are some plantings they want to keep. Mr. Zimmerman explained most of the native plants have come in from seeds, but are not formal. The area will need to be stripped so it does not look weedy. Trustee Eastmond asked if there could be a meeting with the RPC as well.

Trustee Clayton expressed concern over the word "formal" and would like the Board to see the design proposal before going out to bid for implementation. Mr. Zimmerman explained the \$4350 is only for the design. He explained the Village will review the design before going out to bid. Mr. Zimmerman noted "formal" means to ensure there is enough spacing for the plantings. Trustee Clayton believes \$4350 is a lot for design work. Mr. Zimmerman noted the proposal includes high-level renderings. Trustee Haber is in favor of the beautification of municipal buildings. He asked if the area is unsightly as the main areas are not visible to the residents. Chief Dayno noted the department gets a lot of visitors. Trustee Haber asked for a rough guestimate as to the cost of design implementation. Mr. Zimmerman believes it could be \$20,000 but does not know for sure. He has received comments that the fire station looks so nice but the police station does not.

Trustee Clayton moved to approve the contract for landscaping design services for the Police Department building by Indigo Ecological Design in an amount not to exceed \$5000 including a design review with the RPC. Trustee Eastmond seconded the motion. 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.

Visitors wishing to address the Board

Jill Kaplan asked if the Water Project meeting will be open. Mayor Ford said it will be at 1:30 on Friday at Village Hall.

Julie Varvaro commented that residents could design the police department landscaping. She wanted to know why the Village agreed to spend money on professional designers when residents who love gardening are capable.

Jeff Smith asked what action could be taken about the RV at 2640 Riverwoods Road. Mr. Kraly noted it has been tagged and there will be a court hearing if there is no action. Mr. Smith also asked if there is an opportunity to get the consultant costs together with the implementation for the police station landscaping. Mr. Zimmerman explained there are some design build companies, but this company specializes in native plants.

Mr. Smith noted residents are still being charged a sewer maintenance fee despite the sewer reserve being flush. He wanted to know why the fee still exists. Trustee Clayton noted the Village is at their target level in the short run, but the ten-year projections show the fee need to be continued.

Mr. Smith asked if there is a process to review concerns from residents. Mayor Ford explained residents may send an email to the Mayor's office (officeofthemayor@rivewoods.gov) or calling the Village is effective too.

Kathryn Romanelli asked the Village to communicate any information about the development of the Baxter property which is directly across from Thorngate.

Mary Oler asked if it is possible for Meadowlake to have a conversation with the Trustees and Plan Commission about the vision for the corner of Deerfield Rd. and Milwaukee. The Village wanted the access road to save the Shoppes of Riverwoods. She thinks Meadowlake is a major stakeholder as the access road would wrap around their neighborhood. Ms. Oler expressed concern about the garbage that gets caught in the trees and in the detention ponds. She noted the Cube Smart sign is readable from Meadowlake. Meadowlake residents have done a lot of brainstorming and would like to see something anchoring the corner like a celebrity chef bakery or nice restaurant to create a sense of destination, uniqueness and place. Mayor Ford believes the vision for the corner could be a useful discussion.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on February 7, 2023 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

12/19/2022



Activity is Through December 15th of Each Year

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
46 (7503) (Mortorist Assist)	78	76	52
50 PD (7572) (Crash Property Damage)	73	66	52
50 PI (7571) (Crash Personal Injury)	11	7	13
50 Priv Prop (7573) (Crash Private Property)	8	7	4
911 Hang up (7911)	16	19	30
Ambulance (7021)	284	198	141
Animal Problem (7245)	66	76	63
AQA (7001)	227	195	213
Armed Robbery (0310)	-	-	-
Assault (0500)	1	1	-
Attempt Suicide (7221)	1	-	-
Battery - Simple (0460)	2	1	-
Battery (0400)	3	1	-
Burg - From Motor Veh (0760)	2	-	5
Burglar Alarm (7082)	205	193	193
Burglary - Residential (0625)	4	6	5
Burglary (0600)	2	1	2
Cell 911 (7912)	2	-	1
Child Seat Inspect (7042)	7	5	1
Construction Comp (7078)	-	1	3
Controlled Substance (2000)	-	-	1
Credit Card Fraud (1150)	2	2	2
Crim Damage to Prop (1310)	3	4	3
Crim Sexual Assault (1563)	-	-	1
Crim Trespass to Land (1330)	-	-	-
Crim Trespass to Veh (1360)	-	-	1
Death Investigation (7231)	4	1	2
Deceptive Practice (1110)	5	7	6
Domestic Battery (0486)	-	2	3
Domestic Trouble (7130)	17	16	9
DUI (2410)	47	64	39
Fingerprinting (7039)	12	6	4
Fire Alarm (0733)	39	41	35
Fire Call (7024)	28	37	40
Fireworks Complaints (3001)	8	2	3
Forgery (1120)	-	-	1
Found Animal (7246)	11	17	9
Found Prop. (7156)	2	4	7
Harassment by Telephone (2825)	1	5	5
Hold Up Alarm (7083)	15	28	20
Identity Theft (7198)	15	47	68
Lock out - Vehicle (7051)	18	25	21
Lost / Mislaid Prop (7144)	9	6	6
Missing Person (7178)	2	2	5
Noise Comp (7078)	27	37	23
Notification (7049)	16	18	18
Other Comp (7079)	65	59	50
Other Investigation (7199)	35	31	27

Incident Type	2022 YTD	This Time 2021 YTD	This Time 2020 YTD
Other Trouble (7139)	4	6	1
Parking Complaint (7522)	25	16	7
Premise Exam (7041)	1205	1280	652
Public Service (7040)	50	39	61
Roadway Debris (7250)	19	56	26
Solicitor (7063)	8	8	12
Suicide (7211)	-	-	-
Suspicious Auto (7123)	56	50	67
Suspicious Person (7123)	35	27	33
Telephone Threat (2820)	-	1	2
Theft from Motor Veh (0710)	3	-	-
Theft of Motor Veh (0910)	2	-	1
Theft Over \$500 (0815)	2	7	1
Theft Under \$500 (0825)	4	7	6
Traffic Complaint (7521)	56	58	48
Turned in Weapon/Ammo (7160)	1	-	3
Village Ord. Violation (7500)	25	23	26
Well Being Check (7045)	42	40	47
Total:	2910	2932	2180
Crime Prevention Notices	515	529	537
Case Reports	211	264	249
Traffic Stops	1866	2384	1411
Number of Citations issued	734	826	589
Number of Persons Issued Citations	514	562	425

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