

Village of Riverwoods  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 2, 2023  
**APPROVED**

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Document Approval

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Hollander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with Trustee Clayton and Trustee Jamerson abstaining.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Huvad commented that the BOT vote on the Lexington Homes proposal will likely happen in June due to all the materials that need to be reviewed.

Swearing in of Newly Elected and Re-Elected Officials

Deputy Clerk Bowne administered the oaths of office simultaneously to Trustee-Elect Smith, Trustee Clayton and Trustee Jamerson. Trustee -Elect Smith, Trustee Clayton, and Trustee Jamerson took the oaths of office.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Smith reported that the Deerfield Rd. water main extension and the Chicory water main replacement are both complete. The Saunders Rd. water main replacement bid will be open later this month. Lastly, tree stumps on the play area have been removed and Team Reil will begin construction next week.

#### Ecologist's Report

No report.

#### Plan Commission Report

Ch. Breitkopf reported that resident comments were received at the 4/20 Lexington hearing. The plan commission voted to approve Lexington's plan but with conditions which will be further discussed at the 5/4 Plan Commission meeting. Short term rentals will also be on the 5/4 agenda.

#### ZBA Report

ZBA has nothing to report.

#### Police Report

The police activity is in the packet.

#### Information Items from the President

Committee assignments:

It was determined that a Trustee is no longer necessary for the Police Department. Trustee Eastmond will now serve as the Legal Trustee.

A new committee called Community Services is being established. The Community Services Trustee will be Jeff Smith. The Community Services committee will be responsible for creating greater liaisons to the community, Riverwoods Residents Association and the Riverwoods Preservation Council.

Mayor Ford made the following statement after the 6:30 pm meeting with the Board of Trustees in Executive Session regarding the proposed Baxter redevelopment:

*The Board is opposed to the development of the Baxter property as proposed by Bridge Industrial. We will explore all legal options that we have as a Village. We will work with the Thorngate residents and their attorneys in pursuing our legal options.*

*Village Attorney Bruce Huvad, Land Use Trustee Henry Hollander and I will meet with a special committee of Thorngate residents to share information. Additionally, updates will be provided through the electronic newsletter as appropriate. Trustee Hollander will also provide updates at the regular Board of Trustees meetings.*

### New Business

#### A. Approval of a Proposal for a Replacement Camera and Associated Programming

Trustee Hollander moved to approve the replacement camera and associated programming proposal. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

### Old Business

There was no Old Business.

### Counsel Statement

Mr. Huvad made a statement regarding the Baxter development. He relayed that the BOT is working with legal counsel to understand the zoning challenge options. The board is developing a strategy but it's more beneficial if it is done in a confidential manner. He asked for patience from the public as it is early in the zoning challenge process.

### Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

Thorngate resident Russ Romanelli asked if there are any observations Trustee Hollander could share regarding the 4/27/23 Village of Deerfield Plan Commission meeting.

Trustee Hollander replied that he will give a summary during committee reports later in the meeting.

Meadowlake resident William Lauth expressed his strong opposition to the Lexington Homes proposed development. He read a prepared statement that contained the reasons for opposition including increased density, traffic, noise, safety, liabilities and the

destruction of aesthetic dreams. He encouraged the BOT to just say no to the Lexington proposed townhome development.

Thorngate resident Greg Mintzias expressed his appreciation for the Mayor's statement on behalf of the Board regarding opposition to the Bridge Industrial proposal. He asked residents to consider joining Facebook group 60015 United to stay informed.

Meadowlake resident David Oler remains distraught over the Planning Commission's vote in favor of the Lexington townhome 54 unit development. He pointed out many factors still remain unaddressed such as the lack of fencing around the Meadowlake bodies of water, unsolved potential traffic flow safety risks, inadequate parking and no adequate green space for resident recreation. He urged the Board to vote against the Lexington proposal and instead consider alternate uses for the site.

Meadowlake resident Lila McClelland thinks Lexington should not have used the name "Riverwoods Reserve" to market their proposed development. The development is not congruent with Riverwoods or the definition of a reserve. Ms. McClelland feels building 54 unattractive generic townhome units on eight acres will completely ruin the unique history and aesthetic of the Village.

Meadowlake resident Randy Yaffe expressed dissatisfaction over the exterior management of the Shoppes property. He is concerned that the same lack of outside maintenance will occur if Lexington builds townhomes on the Federal Life property. He asked the Board to reject the development and represent the concerned residents.

Meadowlake resident Mary Oler questioned the Plan Commission's approval vote on the Lexington development. As she has said at numerous previous meetings, she is against the Lexington proposal. Additionally, Ms. Oler is concerned about the potential risks and liabilities of the Meadowlake bodies of water to the townhome residents. Ms. Oler feels her concerns have been met with indifference and the Board needs to do better.

Thorngate resident Arland Shelist thanked the Mayor and the Board for their statement against the Bridge Industrial development of the Baxter property. He asked whether the Village's position will be made public in the form of a press release.

Mayor Ford noted that the meeting is recorded and the Board's statement will be posted on the website and also will appear in the electronic newsletter.

Thorngate resident Jason Goodman wrote an email requesting that the Village publicize the Deerfield planning commission meetings. Regarding the Lexington proposal, he asked the Village to challenge Lexington to come up with an architectural design that more reflects the personality of Riverwoods. He would prefer something similar to our Village Hall in its materials and less so a woodlands-colored paint job. He noted that

the proposed balcony view of the townhouses is very undesirable.

## Committee Reports

### Finance Economic Development Committee

Trustee Clayton reported he and the Water Committee are reviewing the best course of action regarding the Northbrook wholesale water rate increase. In addition, the Water Committee is analyzing different options concerning necessary water main replacements. A water rate recommendation to the Board is forthcoming.

### Communications

Trustee Dikin reported that currently there are 430 electronic newsletter subscribers. She drafted a preliminary newsletter submission policy which will help streamline the process.

### Woodlands and Ecology

No report.

### Land Use and Roads

Trustee Hollander explained the Board received several resident emails regarding the Lexington development. The Board can't respond until the Plan Commission report is received and reviewed. He kindly reminded the residents to be careful of their tone when sending emails and that only one Trustee is designated to respond so there is consistent messaging. He added that there may be a separate Board meeting to focus solely on the Lexington proposal.

Trustee Hollander also reported on the potential Baxter development. Both he and Mayor Ford met with Deerfield's Mayor, Dan Shapiro, and their Village Manager Kent Street. Trustee Hollander and Mayor Ford shared their concerns. In addition, the issue of traffic turning north on Saunders was discussed. Deerfield representatives agreed that they are not in favor of that traffic pattern.

A public relations firm has been engaged to help with resident communications. Trustee Hollander attended the 4/27/23 Deerfield Plan Commission meeting but nothing happened due to the excess capacity. The meeting has been rescheduled to 5/11/23 and will be held at Deerfield High School.

Trustee Hollander reached out to the Lake County Department of Transportation to understand the impact on the traffic flow on Saunders Road. The department intends to make a formal evaluation but no change is anticipated.

Trustee Hollander reported a 5/6/23 meeting with the Thorngate committee representatives has been scheduled.

Mr. Hollander reported Village roads will be redone in the near future by Chicagoland Paving. The entire project is expected to last three weeks.

#### Building and Utilities/Storm Water

The building report is in the packet.

#### Community Services

No report.

#### Adjournment

The next regular BOT meeting will take place on 5/16/23 at 7:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bowne  
Deputy Village Clerk



# Riverwoods Police Incident Analysis Report

## Summary by Incident Type

5/2/2023

Activity Through April 27th of Each Year

Incident Type	2023 YTD	This Time 2022 YTD
46 (7503) (Mortorist Assist)	29	37
50 PD (7572) (Crash Property Damage)	21	28
50 PI (7571) (Crash Personal Injury)	9	5
50 Priv Prop (7573) (Crash Private Property)	3	2
911 Hang up (7911)	2	7
Ambulance (7021)	121	72
Animal Problem (7245)	12	20
AOA (7001)	58	77
Armed Robbery (0310)	-	-
Assault (0500)	-	-
Attempt Suicide (7221)	-	-
Battery - Simple (0460)	1	-
Battery (0400)	1	1
Burg - From Motor Veh (0760)	-	-
Burglar Alarm (7082)	100	62
Burglary - Residential (0625)	3	2
Burglary (0600)	1	1
Cell 911 (7912)	-	1
Child Seat Inspect (7042)	1	1
Construction Comp (7078)	1	-
Controlled Substance (2000)	-	-
Credit Card Fraud (1150)	1	1
Crim Damage to Prop (1310)	4	-
Crim Sexual Assault (1563)	-	-
Crim Trespass to Land (1330)	1	-
Crim Trespass to Veh (1360)	-	-
Death Investigation (7231)	1	1
Deceptive Practice (1110)	2	2
Domestic Battery (0486)	-	-
Domestic Trouble (7130)	10	8
DUI (2410)	14	15
Fingerprinting (7039)	6	-
Fire Alarm (0733)	14	11
Fire Call (7024)	16	9
Fireworks Complaints (3001)	1	-
Forgery (1120)	-	-
Found Animal (7246)	-	3
Found Prop. (7156)	1	-
Harassment by Telephone (2825)	-	-
Hold Up Alarm (7083)	9	4
Identity Theft (7198)	1	7
Lock out - Vehicle (7051)	3	2
Lost / Mislaid Prop (7144)	2	4
Missing Person (7178)	1	2
Noise Comp (7078)	5	8
Notification (7049)	8	6
Other Comp (7079)	18	17
Other Investigation (7199)	9	9

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>2023 YTD</b>	<b>This Time 2022 YTD</b>
Other Trouble (7139)	1	-
Parking Complaint (7522)	2	3
Premise Exam (7041)	634	580
Public Service (7040)	20	13
Roadway Debris (7250)	12	5
Solicitor (7063)	9	1
Suicide (7211)	-	-
Suspicious Auto (7123)	23	21
Suspicious Person (7123)	9	11
Telephone Threat (2820)	-	-
Theft from Motor Veh (0710)	-	2
Theft of Motor Veh (0910)	1	-
Theft Over \$500 (0815)	2	-
Theft Under \$500 (0825)	-	1
Traffic Complaint (7521)	14	17
Turned in Weapon/Ammo (7160)	1	1
Village Ord. Violation (7500)	6	5
Well Being Check (7045)	14	11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1238</b>	<b>1096</b>
Crime Prevention Notices	207	192
Case Reports	56	61
Traffic Stops	526	535
Number of Citations issued	213	203
Number of Persons Issued Citations	140	143

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