

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverview, St. Louis County, Missouri, met at City Hall, 9699 Lilac Drive at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 2011.

At this time and place upon roll being called, there were found to be present the following named officers and members of the Board:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Present
Trustee Craig W. Boehmer	Present
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Present
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Present
Chairman Steve Paro	Present

Village Clerk Megan Asikainen and Village Attorney Christopher Graville were present.

PRESENTATION BY JULIE MOORE, MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. Ms. Moore stated that the Missouri State Auditor's Office had been petitioned to conduct a state audit by residents of the Village. She said that the audit would begin the following week and that residents were free to contact her regarding any concerns they might have. She emphasized that the audit would not result in an opinion on the Village's financial statements. Ms. Moore said that the estimated time of the audit would be 8 to 10 weeks and the estimated cost was going to be between \$15,000 and \$35,000. A resident asked Ms. Moore what she was going to be doing if no opinion was going to be issued on the financial statements. Ms. Moore replied that they would be looking for any type of unusual items and fraud activities. A resident asked what would cause the cost to be \$35,000. Ms. Moore replied that it is dependent upon how long the audit takes, that the cost is billed to the Village based on the actual number of hours worked. She said that the concerns come from the petitioners and the citizens of the Village and that those concerns would ultimately determine the amount of work that has to be done. She explained that the petitioners and the Board would be notified of the results of the audit and that the audit will be published on the Missouri State Auditor's website. A resident asked that, since the Village was paying for its own audit, what the Missouri State tax dollars pay for. Ms. Moore responded that the State Auditor's office is required by statute to audit counties and that the city audits are initiated by petition. A resident asked if the Village already has their own private audit, would the state audit repeat the same items. Ms. Moore said that she will try to work with the audit firm to avoid repeating work they have already done. A resident asked if the petition that was submitted stated what reasons the residents were requesting an audit. Ms. Moore said that she has not seen the petition herself, but that the citizen's concerns are confidential. A resident asked what happens if irregularities are found during the audit. Ms. Moore stated that an audit report will be prepared and if anything prosecutable is found, it will be turned over to the proper authorities. Trustee Phyllis Paro welcomed Ms. Moore to the Village and asked that she let the Board know if anything is required. A resident asked if the money for the audit would be coming from the general fund. Attorney Graville responded that it would. He said that he knew that there was an installment payment plan available to the Village so that it would not have to be paid all at once. Ms. Moore said she was not sure what payment arrangements were available. Attorney Graville said that it is the Village's hope that the audit will proceed quickly. A resident

asked what would determine the amount of time spent on the audit. Ms. Moore said that they would be examining the most recent fiscal year and look at the citizen's complaints. She said that normally they try not to go too far back in time; that they may go back and look at 2009, but that it would depend on the citizen's concerns. A resident asked how many Villages similar in size to the Village of Riverview have a monthly audit of the books. Attorney Graville said that most municipalities voluntarily commission a yearly audit, but that the Village was unique due to the fact that we have a monthly accountant who comes out and verifies the books and a yearly independent audit. He said this is not required by any kind of statute; that the Village has done this voluntarily for a number of years. A resident asked if there was any way the residents who initiated the petition could help absorb some of the cost of the audit. Attorney Graville replied that under the state statute, the residents are given the right to petition for a state audit and that the statute sets a minimum number of signatures required to obtain such an audit. He said that in this case, the minimum number of signatures was 200 and that the St. Louis County Election Board certified 206 signatures. He said once the process is in place and the signatures are verified, the audit is activated and the Village itself has no control over the process. He said it is the Board's hope that the audit will be expedited because the records are well organized and that they have tried to have everything prepared to minimize the cost of the audit. Chairman Steve Paro thanked Ms. Moore for her time and welcomed her to the Village.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND PETITIONS:

Liz Weber, 433 Northridge. Ms. Weber said that she believed the audit was an unnecessary cost to the Village and that it takes away from the Village's ability to provide services like street repairs and police protection. She said that she thinks the total cost should be put in the next Village newsletter. Ms. Weber also said that she had a complaint about some dogs around the neighborhood. She said that she had 2 pit bulls in her yard the other day and that she was afraid that they would attack her and her dogs. Trustee Paro said that the Village currently has a problem getting residents to comply with the dog license and leash law ordinances and that the dogs are a big problem in the Village. Ms. Weber said that she has called the police in the past to deal with the dogs, but that she feels like she is taking them away from more important call. Attorney Graville said that the Village has several ordinances in place with regard to dogs but that the problem stems from irresponsible dog owners. He said that the Village offers the low-cost vaccinations once a year and tries to keep the cost of the dog tags low to encourage people to obtain their Village dog license. He said that in the municipal court, dog violations are taken very seriously and residents should not hesitate to call the police. He said that the problems will be ongoing until dog owners take more responsibility for their pets. Ms. Weber asked if it would be better for her to call animal control. Another resident responded that the County animal control is stretched thin as it is and that they take a long time to respond. She added that there is a town in Illinois that requires dogs to be spayed/neutered. Attorney Graville said that he would look into that ordinance.

Ray McKeever, 10050 Diamond. Mr. McKeever said that the speed limit on Diamond Drive is 20 miles per hour. He said that cars are consistently driving faster than that speed limit and that someone was going to be hurt. Trustee Bruce Stocker said that he would speak with the Police Department and asked them to patrol the area. Attorney Graville responded that, from his experience, the only ways to slow down traffic are to have a consistent police presence or to install a speed control device like a median. He

said that the Fire Department has objections to the installation of speed control devices so the increased police attention will probably help the problem. Mr. McKeever said that he had been at City Hall several times and requested a copy of the budget meeting minutes and was told that they were not available to him. Ms. Asikainen responded that she did not recall Mr. McKeever ever asking her for copies of minutes, but that the minutes are available through a Sunshine Law Request and that they are posted on the Village website.

Gloria Bruzaitis, 9734 Diamond. Ms. Bruzaitis said that there are quite a few potholes on Diamond Drive and asked when they were going to be filled. Trustee Paro responded that she had spoken with Missouri-American Water and Laclede Gas; both are doing a lot of work on the mains in the area. She said that the crew supervisor said that when the improvements are complete, the area will be completely restored. She said that she understood that it is an inconvenience, but that the project was ongoing. Ms. Bruzaitis also said that the litter is getting bad again.

Ron Ritchey, 10099 Grosvenor. Mr. Ritchey asked if the Village knows about and has issued permits for the Missouri-American Water and Laclede Gas work, if the Village is then recognizing a known nuisance. Attorney Graville responded that the liability to the Village can be an issue during ongoing projects such as this one. He said that Laclede Gas and Missouri-American Water should be backfilling the holes as they are working.

Gina Paro, 9930 Jeffrey. Ms. Paro said that she had spoken with the Building Commissioner several times regarding the vacant house next door to hers. She said that there was a broken water pipe in the front yard that had caused a sinkhole large enough for a car to fit in. She said that she has called the water company several times about the hole and that they have told her that the water to the property is shut off. She said that it is not, that when you are near the property, you can hear the water running. Attorney Graville responded that he was not sure what the specific situation with this property was, but that the Village has seen an increase in the number of properties that the banks have foreclosed on that they refuse to maintain. He said that in some cases, the banks fail to even file the foreclosure deed making it difficult if not impossible for the Village to ascertain who the owner of the property is. He said that he would follow-up with the Inspector. Trustee Paro said that she would also speak with the water company foreman the next time she sees him in the neighborhood.

Lynda Foster, 10063 Northgate. Ms. Foster asked what was going on with the street underneath the bridge on St. Cyr. Attorney Graville said that the Village has hired a civil engineering firm to work on a long-term solution to the problem and that the engineering firm was working with MSD to identify the problem. Ms. Foster said that she has lived in the Village for 20 years and that is the worst that she has ever seen it. She said that it was just like the Village to blame the problem on someone else.

Trustee Phyllis Paro. Trustee Paro encouraged residents to come to the Board meeting if they have questions and not to just believe rumors that are going around the Village. She said the Board was elected to serve the residents and that they are happy to answer questions and help with problems. Chairman Paro reiterated the same points.

Sandy White, 741 Spring Garden. Ms. White said that they are having a terrible time with trash around the neighborhood. She said that it is not Riverview residents, that most of it is coming from Glasgow Village. She asked if the Street Department could

post some “No Dumping” signs. Trustee Stocker said that the illegal dumping is a constant problem around the Village and that the Police Department has a hard time catching people in the act. Ms. White said that the Village Street Department always comes and cleans it up, but that she feels that the signs may help. Attorney Graville said that the Village has taken some positive steps to reduce the amount of litter in the Village, including having litter cleanup days and installing more trash cans. He said that these steps help develop community pride.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETINGS

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to dispense with the reading of the Monthly Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2011 and approve them as submitted. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to dispense with the reading of the Closed Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2011 and approve them as submitted. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

A motion was by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Howard Pierce to dispense with the reading of the Special Open Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2011 and approve them as submitted. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Liaison’s Report (Treasurer’s Report): A motion was made by Trustee Phyllis Paro and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to approve the Treasurer’s Report as written. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried. The Treasurer’s Report reflected the following account balances: The ending balance for the General Account was \$17,834.80, the ending balance for the Bond Account was \$10,198.06, the ending balance for the Capital Improvement Account was \$194,598.43, the ending balance for the Sewer Lateral Account was \$87,892.83, and the ending balance for the Police Training Fund Account was \$8,830.00. The ending balance in the Grant Fund Account was \$0. The ending balances for the Certificates of Deposit with First Community were \$100,000.00 and \$89,464.60. The ending balance for the Certificate of Deposit with Neighbor’s Credit Union was \$100,000.00.

Public Works Liaison’s Report. Trustee Howard Pierce reported that the Street Department picked up litter 6 times, removed garbage 2 times, removed snow 5 times, spread salt 9 times, cleaned City Hall once per week, removed 1 dead animal, secured 1 vacant house, and cleared storm inlets.

Street Commissioner’s Report. Nothing to report.

Police Liaison’s Report. Trustee Stocker reported that the Police Department made 8 adult arrests, 1 juvenile arrest, wrote 269 citations, responded to 578 calls for service, wrote 114 reports, and drove 6,243 miles of patrol. Trustee Stocker said that the Police Department has been busy with an increased number of burglaries that are occurring in broad daylight. He said that several times the neighbors have witnessed it happening and did not call the Police. He reminded all residents to call anytime they see anything

suspicious in their neighborhoods. Trustee Stocker also reported that he had received a letter regarding placing no parking signs on one side of Hayward. He said that he believes that this is feasible only if the whole side, including the portion in Bellefontaine Neighbors is marked no parking.

Zoning and Building Liaison's Report. Trustee Phyllis Paro gave the Building Commissioner's Report for January as follows. The Building Commissioner inspected 13 houses and 18 apartments. He issued 18 Codes of Compliance and 13 Codes of Non-Compliance. He issued 3 warnings, 6 summonses, posted 9 notices, and issued 4 stop work orders. Trustee Paro gave the Building Commissioner's report for February as follows. The Building Commissioner inspected 16 houses and 8 apartments. He issued 15 Codes of Compliance and 9 Codes Non-Compliance. He issued 1 building permit, 1 warning, and 11 summonses. He completed 1 roofing/framing/footing inspection, posted 2 notices, posted 1 stop work order, and 2 conditional permits.

Deputy Building Inspector's Report. Nothing to report.

Health Commissioner's Report. Trustee Paro gave the Health Commissioner's report for January as follows. The Health Commissioner issued 2 warnings. Trustee Paro gave the Health Commissioner's report for February as follows. The Health Commissioner issued 2 warnings.

Chairman's Report. Nothing to report.

Clerk's Report. Ms. Asikainen said that she had been working with the Great Rivers Greenway Maline Greenway project to develop a bike trail along the Maline Creek in North County. She said that this would be a nice addition to the Village. She encouraged residents to attend open houses being held on Thursday, March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Branch of the Library and on Tuesday, March 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ferguson Middle School.

Attorney's Report. Attorney Graville reported that the Board would be reviewing a new Judge appointment this evening. He said that this would be a Division II appointment, meaning that he would only fill in if the regular Judge was not available. He said that this attorney was trying to gain some Municipal Judge experience.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Discuss conditional merchant license issued to Upgrade Rite Auto, 201 Chambers Road.

Ms. Asikainen stated that Patrice Noland, the applicant, had been given an extension at last month's meeting to allow him more time to get into compliance with the Village's requirements. She said that at the last meeting the Board had voted to extend his conditional merchant license to this evening. Mr. Noland said that he still had to have the property inspected by the Highway Patrol. He said that this would be the final step to get his license. A motion was made by Trustee Phyllis Paro and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to grant an extension of the conditional merchant license to the March 24, 2011 meeting of the Board of Trustees. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BILL 126: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW WITH SWT DESIGN, INC. FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES- VILLAGE PARK

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to read Bill 126 by title only for the first time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to read Bill 126 by title only for the second time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to enact Bill 126 as Ordinance 11-02. By roll call vote:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Aye
Trustee Craig Boehmer	Aye
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Aye
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Aye
Chairman Steve Paro	Aye

All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried. Bill 126 becomes Ordinance 11-02 upon being duly signed by the Chairman and attested by the Village Clerk.

B. BILL 127: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI, APPOINTING CHARLIE BILLINGS AS THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF DIVISION II OF THE RIVERVIEW MUNICIPAL COURT

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to read Bill 127 by title only for the first time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI, APPOINTING CHARLIE BILLINGS AS THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF DIVISION II OF THE RIVERVIEW MUNICIPAL COURT

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to read Bill 127 by title only for the second time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI, APPOINTING CHARLIE BILLINGS AS THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF DIVISION II OF THE RIVERVIEW MUNICIPAL COURT

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to enact Bill 127 as Ordinance 11-03. By roll call vote:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Aye
Trustee Craig Boehmer	Aye
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Aye
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Aye
Chairman Steve Paro	Aye

All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried. Bill 127 becomes Ordinance 11-03 upon being duly signed by the Chairman and attested by the Village Clerk.

C. BILL 128: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JUDGE CHARLIE BILLINGS

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to read Bill 128 by title only for the first time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JUDGE CHARLIE BILLINGS

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to read Bill 128 by title only for the second time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JUDGE CHARLIE BILLINGS

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to enact Bill 128 as Ordinance 11-04. By roll call vote:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Aye
Trustee Craig Boehmer	Aye
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Aye
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Aye
Chairman Steve Paro	Aye

All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried. Bill 128 becomes Ordinance 11-04 upon being duly signed by the Chairman and attested by the Village Clerk.

D. BILL 129: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH JUDGE W. CHRISTOPHER MCDONOUGH

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to read Bill 129 by title only for the first time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI,
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO
EXECUTE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH JUDGE W. CHRISTOPHER
MCDONOUGH

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to read Bill 129 by title only for the second time. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI,
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO
EXECUTE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH JUDGE W. CHRISTOPHER
MCDONOUGH

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to enact Bill 129 as Ordinance 11-05. By roll call vote:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Aye
Trustee Craig Boehmer	Aye
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Aye
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Aye
Chairman Steve Paro	Aye

All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried. Bill 129 becomes Ordinance 11-05 upon being duly signed by the Chairman and attested by the Village Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Howard Pierce to pay all bills. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

REPORT OF SALARY OR PERSONNEL CHANGES:

MOTION TO HAVE A CLOSED MEETING:

A motion was made by Trustee Howard Pierce and seconded by Trustee Craig Boehmer to hold a closed meeting pursuant to Sections 610.021 (3) immediately following this regular open meeting. By roll call vote:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Aye
Trustee Craig Boehmer	Aye
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Aye
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Aye
Chairman Steve Paro	Aye

All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Howard Pierce and seconded by Craig Boehmer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Copies of all legislation considered by the Board of Trustees at this meeting were available for inspection by the public prior to the time such legislation was considered by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Paro, Chairman

ATTEST:

Megan Asikainen, Village Clerk