

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HELD ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010.**

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 March 25, 2010.

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 Michael Ellington	Present
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Present
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Present
Chairman Steve Paro	Present

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND PETITIONS:

Sharnette Tucker, Restoration Faith Assembly, 9839 Diamond. Ms. Tucker said that she was representing Restoration Faith Assembly and that the church was requesting permission to use the Village's park lot on Diamond Drive for the church Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2010. She said that the event would last 2 hours. Ms. Tucker said that the Village staff had indicated that there was currently no procedure for the use of the land and that the use would have to be approved by the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Michael Ellington and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to allow the group to rent the Diamond park for an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2010. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

Nancy Stewart, 444 Northridge. Ms. Stewart said that she moved into the Village 15 years ago and did not know anyone. She said that, over time, she got to know her neighbors and that the residents of the Village are great people. She said that she now works for the Village and loves her job as well as her neighborhood. She said that the good things in the neighborhood have been obscured by people in the neighborhood focusing on negative things. She said that there are many residents who work hard to beautify their homes and work towards the betterment of the community. She said that the Village is a close-knit community and that the Village government works with the residents to correct problems and address complaints. Finally, she said that it is shameful that some people choose to continue to address issues from the past that are no longer relevant. She asked that the Village residents and Board work together to keep the Village a nice place to live and work.

Gloria Bruzaitis, 9734 Diamond. Ms. Bruzaitis addressed Trustee Ellington stating that she had received, through a friend, a copy of a newsletter he had circulated around the Village. She said that the newsletter was not given to all Village residents and that she had issues with what was in the newsletter. She said that the newsletter harped on the Village Clerk and that Trustee Ellington should resolve his issue with the Village Clerk instead of addressing it publicly. She also asked where the Village borrowed money from. Trustee Ellington said that this was not a question and answer session and that he would take the comments under advisement.

Bonnie Fraley, 333 Lookout. Ms. Fraley asked if the Village had borrowed money. Ms. Asikainen responded that the Village had not borrowed money. Ms. Fraley asked if the Village would inform residents if they were considering borrowing money. Ms. Asikainen responded that the Village is required to discuss financial matters such as taxation, bond issues, and borrowing money in public meetings. Ms. Fraley asked if the Village has accountants and auditors. Ms. Asikainen responded that the Village does hire an accounting and audit firm to perform monthly accounting services and advise the Village on financial matters and perform a yearly audit. She said that this firm is the independent eyes for the Board of Trustees and if anything was amiss, they would report it to the Board immediately.

Gina Paro, 9930 Jeffrey. Ms. Paro asked Trustee Ellington what he meant by his statement that the Village is in bankruptcy when the Village is clearly stating that this is not the case. She said that the public should know if Trustee Ellington knows something different than what the Board is saying. She said that she does not understand many of the things mentioned in Trustee Ellington's campaign letter because they are being refuted by the Village. Trustee Ellington said that the letter speaks for itself.

Lynda Foster, 10063 Northgate. Ms. Foster read off a list of dates that she had observed Nancy Stewart of the street department picking up litter. Ms. Foster accused the Building Inspector, Dan Fraley of making a gesture at her when he was at home. She said she has seen employees smoking in Village vehicles. She said that she is trying to get enough signatures to have a state audit. She showed the Board a picture and said that she was cited by the Building Inspector for a violation on her home years ago and that there are other violations on houses in the Village.

Shirley Watkins, 345 Scenic. Ms. Watkins said that the last newsletter mentioned that the Village has a Property Maintenance Code and asked if it dealt with dead trees. She said that she had spoken with the Building Inspector regarding a dead tree on an adjacent piece of property. She said that she knew that the property owner had been cited for the dead tree but that she did not know if he had been to court. Ms. Asikainen responded that the property owner failed to appear on the court date but is on the docket again for April. Ms. Watkins said that she is afraid the tree is going to fall. Attorney Graville responded that he is also the Village Prosecuting Attorney and that the Village's goal in cases like that is to get the property owner into compliance. He said that he would work with the Building Inspector to cite the property owner until he appears in court and work with the property owner to get the tree down.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETINGS

A motion was made by Trustee Phyllis Paro and seconded by Trustee Michael Ellington to dispense with the reading of the Monthly Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2010 and approve them as submitted. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Liaison's Report (Treasurer's Report): The Treasurer's Report reflected the following account balances: The ending balance for the General Account was \$75,288.25, the ending balance for the Bond Account was \$12,552.08, the ending

balance for the Capital Improvement Account was \$234,376.43, the ending balance for the Sewer Lateral Account was \$92,586.55, and the ending balance for the Police Training Fund Account was \$8,436.00. The ending balances for the Certificates of Deposit with First Community were \$100,000.00, \$100,000.00, and \$87,070.17.

Public Works Liaison's Report. Trustee Howard Pierce reported that the Street Department picked up litter 8 times, removed 1 dead animal, removed snow 8 times, spread 28 loads of salt, cleared out 2 salt bins, cleaned City Hall once a week, organized the file cabinets in the garage and completed an inventory, cleared the storm drains 1 time, contacted MSD about the trash on Adrian, had 4 street lights repaired by Ameren UE, and cut back the vines hanging over on Valley.

Street Commissioner's Report. Nothing to report.

Police Liaison's Report. Trustee Stocker reported the Police Department made 14 adult arrests, 2 juvenile arrests, wrote 319 tickets, responded to 652 calls for service, and wrote 121 reports. He reported that there were 6,009 miles driven on police vehicles.

Zoning and Building Liaison's Report. Trustee Phyllis Paro reported that the Building Commissioner inspected 23 houses and 28 apartments. He issued 38 codes of compliance, issued 13 codes of non-compliance. He issued 3 building permits, 18 warnings, and 29 summonses. He completed 1 framing and footing inspections.

Deputy Building Inspector's Report. Nothing to report.

Health Commissioner's Report. Trustee Phyllis Paro reported that the health Commissioner issued and 2 summonses.

Chairman's Report. Chairman Paro thanked all of the Village employees for their hard work.

Clerk's Report. Ms. Asikainen said that there will be a Census representative at City Hall on Mondays and Tuesdays to assist residents with questions and filling out the forms. She said that the newsletter for the spring would go out in April. She reminded residents that the branch pickup would be held April 19-23 and all branches must be called in to the Street Department by April 16. Ms. Asikainen said that she had set the date of the Dog Clinic for June 12 and asked if June 19 would be a good date for Bulk Trash. All Trustees were in agreement. She said that Governor Nixon had issued a proclamation making May 2-8 Local Government Week in the State of Missouri and that she had thought of two activities the Village could do to celebrate- hold an open house at City Hall where residents could meet staff members and elected officials and a Village cleanup day. All Trustees were in agreement. She said that she would follow up with dates and times for those events.

Attorney's Report. Attorney Graville said that the Board had reviewed 2 designs for a new park on Diamond Drive. He said that the new park would be created in phases using grant funds. He invited residents to utilize the comment board that would be placed in City Hall to provide input to be included in the final plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Pierce asked that the Board consider adding a new item to the agenda that had been received shortly before the meeting. He said that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors had contacted the Village Street Department regarding upcoming street paving. He said that part of Hayward belongs to the Village, the rest to Bellefontaine, and that the contractor had provided the Village a bid in the amount of \$2,551.00 to pave the Village's portion of the street, a 90 foot by 26 foot section, with the Bellefontaine portion. Ms. Asikainen said that the Village Code did not require the Village to go through a formal bid process as the amount is under \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Trustee Howard Pierce and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to approve the asphalt paving of a 90 foot by 26 foot section of Hayward pending the receipt of a formal bid and contract with the asphalt contractor. By roll call vote:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Aye
Trustee Michael Ellington	Aye
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Aye
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Aye
Chairman Steve Paro	Aye

All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

A. Discuss park rental fees.

Ms. Asikainen said that she had conducted a quick survey with surrounding municipalities and found that the Village's refunding of the entire park reservation deposit is inconsistent with other municipalities' policies. She said that the maintenance costs on the park increase during the rental season and suggested that the Board consider changing the park regulations and refund policy to help offset some of the costs. She said that she would prepare a formal proposal to present at the April meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

A motion was made by Trustee Michael Ellington 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 Bruce Stocker and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to hold a closed meeting immediately following this regular meeting. By roll call vote:

Trustee Howard Pierce	Aye
Trustee Michael Ellington	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 Trustee Bruce Stocker to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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