

**Richlawn City Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, December 16, 2013, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Patrick Coomes, Commissioners Dirk Gowin, Roger Rymarz, and Rae Taylor, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and Richlawn Attorney Steve Porter. Commissioner Thoben was absent. Richlawn resident, Chad Keeling, was also in attendance.

Mayor Coomes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**A. Mr. Barrick presented the bills to be paid in December:**

Louisville Water Company	ACH	224.54
Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
LG&E	ACH	426.80
Extra Space Storage	VISA	106.00
Albert Rae Taylor	1940	270.45
Dirk Gowin	1941	270.45
Henry Thoben	1942	270.45
Jeff P Barrick	1943	1081.80
Patrick Coomes	1944	676.13
Roger Rymarz	1945	270.45
David Hopkins	1946	200.00
Jeff Barrick	1947	6.35
MAAK, Inc	1948	100.00
Nanz & Kraft Florists	1949	896.65
Valley Crest	1950	1495.00
Stephens & Lawson	1939	2900.00
Stansbury Electric	1951	348.81
James & Sheryl O'Neil	1952	50.00
Pam & Dennis Sheehan	1953	100.00
Ron Wolz	1954	50.00

- Commissioners Rymarz and Taylor attempted to fix the light at the entrance on Shelbyville Road, but it was too complicated. The transformer needed to be replaced. Stansbury Electric completed the repair.
- Bills from Stansbury Electric, Stephens & Lawson (audit), and Jeannine Barton (Commissioner Rymarz was to make a copy and give to Mr. Barrick to be paid) were presented at the meeting.
- Commissioner Gowin made a motion to pay the bills, Commissioner Rymarz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**B. Minutes from November Meeting**

- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting with the corrected spelling of Commissioner Thoben's name. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**C. Resident Involvement**

- Chad Keeling is new to the neighborhood (Don Allen Road) and wants to get involved. He is also interested to know what the city is doing about security in the city. Mayor Coomes mentioned general elections are held every 2 years for Commissioners and every 4 years for Mayor.

**D. Sidewalks**

- Commissioner Gowin stated the contractor is finishing the sidewalk in front of the Outback restaurant and then starting on the Richlawn sidewalks. The total cost of the project is approximately \$123,000, to be shared equally between the City of St. Matthews, Richlawn, and TARC (\$40,921 each)
- The Commercial property owners are on board. MSD owns the easement.
- Weather permitting, construction could begin in January 2014.

**E. Hubbards Lane**

- Commissioner Gowin gave an update on the Hubbard's Lane widening project.
- There will be a public meeting in January on the project. All updates can be seen at [www.hubbardslane.info](http://www.hubbardslane.info)
- Mr. Porter asked what the plan was for the area near the train tracks, specifically the area along the Marshall property. Commissioner Gowin presented preliminary drawings.
- Mayor Coomes stated he wants to make sure the City of Richlawn is involved with the process and is invited to all the meetings.

**F. Other Concerns:**

- **Merger with St. Matthews**
  - Commissioner Gowin spoke with the City of St. Matthews attorney to discuss what would be needed and the process.
    - The merger would need to be voted on at a standard election
    - St. Matthews would need to review Richlawn's financial statements
    - A simple majority from both cities is all that is required for passage
  - Commissioner Gowin stated some of the benefits would be less taxes, police protection, and leaf pick up
  - Commissioner Rymarz stated the city should take a poll
  - Richlawn would need to discuss what services would be provided like maintenance of the entrances, mowing of Lang Field
  - Commissioner Taylor suggested someone outside of the council should champion the process.

- Commissioner Gowin thought the city should try to get the merger on the 2014 ballot.

- **Police Patrols**

- Mayor Coomes stated the city has hired security service to patrol the neighborhood. One of the cars being used is an unmarked car. Mayor Coomes will ask that only marked cars be used.
- Mr. Keeling mentioned Metro Police will provide a ghost car to be placed in the city for a few days just to provide a police presence.
- Mayor Coomes asked the council if we wanted to continue with the police patrols. Everyone agreed to continue for now.
- Commissioner Rymarz stated we need to have minutes for the meeting that was held on December 3.
  - Mr. Porter stated this was an illegal meeting because more than 2 council members were in attendance and the public was not notified of the meeting. He also stated this was something the Mayor has the authority to approve.
- Commissioner Gowin made a motion to hire a security service to patrol the neighborhood until further notice retroactive to 12/4/13. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**G. FY2012 – FY2013 Financial Audit**

- Mr. Barrick stated the financial audit was completed by Stephens & Lawson CPA's on 12/16/13. He presented the council with a copy of the audit and stated the only finding was an adjustment to the Road Fund balance. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Barrick or Stephens & Lawson.

**H. Concrete Pyramids**

- A letter was sent to all residents with concrete pyramids in the city's rite-of-way stating they must be removed. Mr. Porter suggested having Valley Crest pick them up but that a council member should be with them in case residents have any concerns.

**I. Adjourn**

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday January 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Gowin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jeff Barrick  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Patrick Coomes  
Mayor