

**Richlawn City Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Pat Coomes, Commissioners Dirk Gowin, Roger Rymarz, Henry Thoben and Rae Taylor, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and Richlawn Attorney Steve Porter. Also in attendance were Richlawn residents Joseph Meyn and newly elected Richlawn officials Alicia Nordmann, Mark Wallingford, Ian Cassidy, & Sarah Segree.

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

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

Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
LG&E	ACH	432.75
Extra Space Storage	VISA	115.00
US Postal Service	VISA	246.85
FedEx Kinko's	2057	138.00
Flynn Brothers	2058	136,990.58
Neighborhood Security & Asset Protection	2059	350.00
Nicholas DeVore	2060	60.00
Valerie & Joseph Meyn	2061	65.70
Valley Crest	2062	2,112.50

- Commissioner Rymarz presented a bill for \$142.84 from David Hopkins for repairs to his irrigation system that was damaged during the road paving project by Flynn Brothers. Commissioner Gowin will present this to Flynn Brothers after the final invoice has been paid.
- Commissioner Gowin made a motion to pay the bills, Commissioner Thoben seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

**B. Minutes from the October Meeting**

- Commissioner Gowin made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

**C. Road improvements / sidewalks on Shelbyville Road**

- Commissioner Gowin stated there were additional charges for the work done on Taggart. No estimate was provided. There was a price increase for the speed humps of approximately \$8,014. This was due to increasing the size and adding one hump.
- Mr. Barrick asked about the cracks on Ledyard & Blenheim. Commissioner Gowin stated Flynn Brothers placed a sealant on the cracks and he didn't think it would be a problem.
- Temporary paint was put in at the stop signs and speed humps because it was too cold to install the thermal stripes. There should be a reduction in the total charge because of this.
- **Sidewalks:** Commissioner Gowin stated the contractor is struggling to complete the project. Will likely be replaced with a different contractor.

**D. Transitioning to in-coming Commission**

- Commissioner Gowin presented a list of contacts

**E. Police Patrols**

- Richlawn is currently contracting 4 hours per week. It was suggested to increase the patrols due to higher crime trends this time of year.
- Mark Wallingford suggested partnering with Norbourne Estates to see if we could split the time to increase the coverage.
- Commissioner Gowin wants to double the coverage through the end of the year, Commissioner Taylor agrees.
- Alicia Nordmann suggested the new city council should decide whether to increase the patrols.
- Commissioner Gowin made a motion to increase the patrols to 8 hours per week through the end of the year. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Taylor suggested putting Lt. Cabrera's safety handout in the next Gazette.

**F. Beautification Ordinance:** The first reading of the amended Beautification Ordinance was presented as Ordinance No. 2014-06. The changes amend Sections 5 – 7 replacing 50% with 100%.

**G. Open Discussion / Resident Concerns / New Business**

- **Valley Crest Contract**
  - The contract from Valley Crest for snow removal was presented that would cover Richlawn through March 31, 2015
  - Mark Wallingford asked why we use sand instead of salt. Commissioner Gowin stated sand is not effective in colder temperatures.
  - Alicia Nordmann asked if we could delay the signing of the Valley Crest contract and asked how the process works with Valley Crest
  - Commissioner Thoben made a motion to sign the Snow/Ice Contract with Valley Crest. Commissioner Rymarz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - The vote on the Valley Crest landscaping contract will be delayed until the new city council has a chance to review.
- **Rumpke Contract**
  - The current Rumpke contract expires on 12/31/2014. Mayor Coomes presented a new contract. He stated Rumpke can provide a 95 gallon container for yard waste. There will be an additional \$1.00 per home charge for this container.
  - Mark Wallingford asked if they could waive the fee stating it is saving Rumpke labor by residents using the container.

- Mayor Coomes will contact Rumpke to see if they will waive the fee. He will also ask Rumpke to be present at the December meeting to explain the contract.
- **Joseph Meyn:** Mr. Meyn stated they were taking a large dead tree out and replacing it with a Red Maple. They are making numerous home improvements.
- **Gazette:** Topics to include Christmas decorating contest, safety, and bio's on new city council.
  - Sarah Segree & Mark Wallingford will ask their kids to judge the Christmas Decorations on 12/21/2014. Prizes will be the same as previous years, \$100 for first place and two \$50 runner-up prizes.
- **Swearing In:** The new Richlawn City Council will be sworn in at the December meeting.
- **Gifts:** Commissioner Taylor wants to recognize Mayor Coomes & Commissioner Thoben for their years of service. A gavel for Mayor Coomes was suggested. Mr. Porter suggested appointing a committee of 2 to take care of the gifts for Pat & Henry. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to buy a gavel for Mayor Coomes, it was seconded by Commissioner Thoben and passed unanimously. Mr. Barrick will purchase the gavel.
- **December Meeting:** Commissioner Thoben wants to have a Christmas celebration at the end of the next meeting.
- **Contact Information:** Mayor Coomes provided Alicia Nordmann with his list of contacts.

#### H. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday December 15, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Gowin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Thoben and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jeff Barrick  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Patrick Coomes  
Mayor

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