

RIO VILLAGE BOARD-June 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Village President James Olrick. Also present were Trustees Delbert Curtis, Jon Landsverk, Terry Milfred, Stan Stofflet, Carl Toth, Nancy Wescott also present were DPW Robert Lang, Bob Benisch, Chief Jeff Becker, Library Director Roxanne Staveness, Rio residents Alexandra Hasselberger, Josh Faul, Mike Walker, Andrea Becker, Trevor Staubli, Jeff Barlow, Linda Barlow, Linda Landsverk, Eric Landsverk, Doug Turner, Jenny Turner, Maureen Smith, Bonnie Olson, Bill Dunt, Joyce Dunt, Jim Nelson, Phylliss Nelson, Bev Sugden, Jennifer Prochnow, Kaitlyn Batz, George Kohler, Joleen Kohler, Larry Gorman, Geri Gorman, Patricia Arndt, Cory Jarman, Stacy Jarman, Jessica Hartman, Tanya Troia, Barb McAliley, Rebecca Stofflet, April Ducette, Sara Mills, Megan Ebert, Nicole Bronson and others not listed were also present.

Agenda:

MOTION Milfred/Landsverk to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

MOTION Curtis/Toth to approve the minutes of the May 2 and the May 23 Committee meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Comments: Mrs. Mills reported that she was here to discuss the pickleball courts. President Olrick reported that she would have an opportunity to speak when the agenda item related to pickleball came up.

Ordinance Report and consider approval of:

- A. Conditional Use Permit for Billy Fredericksen for a garage only on residential lot 292.05 south of Railroad Street.

MOTION Curtis/Milfred to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Billy Fredericksen for a garage only on residential lot 292.05 to be reviewed annually. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consider motion to approve creating an ordinance to allow chickens in the Village.

DISCUSSION: President Olrick thanked guests for attending the meeting. President Olrick did a quick poll of the Rio residents as to who was in favor of having chickens and who was against having chicken. Clerk Stone and President Olrick counted approximately 13 members in favor and also 13 members against allowing chickens. Some community members did not vote. President Olrick asked Board members whether they wanted to hear audience comments or if they would like to discuss it among members to determine whether they were in favor of having a chicken ordinance. Members agreed that they wanted to discuss it with Board members as they had two previous meetings with audience participation related to chickens. President Olrick reported to the audience that they would not be taking any audience comments at this time as they have provided opportunities for community members to speak at the previous meetings related to chickens. President Olrick reported that at the last meeting residents became confrontational with one another during the meeting and following the meeting community members argued with one another outside of the Village Hall. Members discussed lot sizes in Rio and whether the lots are large enough to accommodate the chicken coops. Members discussed creating an ordinance that would allow for residents to have chickens with a lot with a minimum of 1 acre. Members thought that would create more conflicts with residents with smaller lots. Another suggestion was to contact a farmer and create a pilot program to raise chickens on a farm outside of Rio. Members discussed the possibility of having a conditional use permit.

MOTION Toth/Curtis to not allow chickens. Motion carried with 5 yes votes 2 no votes (Olrick and Landsverk).

Public Works Report:

- A. Columbia County Highway Aid.

MOTION Stofflet/Toth to approve the Columbia County Highway Aid. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consider motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 Consumer Confidence Report (CMAR).

MOTION Landsverk/Milfred to approve Resolution 2022-02 Consumer Confidence Report (CMAR). Motion carried unanimously.

C. Water Tower Maintenance:

MOTION Curtis/Stofflet to approve maintenance on Water Tower. Lane paint will do an interior inspection for a cost of \$1950.00 Motion carried unanimously.

C. Pickleball Lines on Tennis Court:

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Mills reported that the cost of the stencil and paint is \$200.00. Members discussed whether the Village should cover the expenses. Mrs. Mills reported that she was happy to contribute and was excited that the Village would allow the lines to be painted. Members discussed the color of the lines. Mrs. Mills and members agreed that blue would be the best color. Mrs. Mills reported that the cost was enough for one court.

MOTION Toth/Landsverk to approve allowing pickleball lines to be added to the tennis courts with blue in color. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Raze Order for 320 Railroad Street:

DISCUSSION: The cost of the work was estimated to be \$9100.00 from Denure Excavating.

MOTION Stofflet/Landsverk to approve the bid from Denure Excavating for the property located at 320 Railroad Street. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Consider motion to approve raise for Bob Benisch.

MOTION Curtis/Milfred to approve a \$1.00 an hour raise for Bob Benisch starting this pay period. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works:

Lincoln Avenue:

Members discussed the storm sewer drain and the work was completed.

130 E Rio Street:

The property was a mess. Mr. Worzalla did not do what was required for the property. Took most of the garage and the property is still a mess. Members agreed that it needs to be done properly.

Police Report and consider approval of:

Junk Ordinance:

Fine him a few more times then go through with them getting to sign something or hiring someone. If they sign a letter allowing the Village to hire someone to clean the property. The have received 3 fines so far at \$187.00 each. The driver license could also get suspended. Chief Becker will issue another citation this week.

2011 Chevy Traverse:

Enbridge donated the vehicle to the Village. Chief Becker reported that the Police Department would possibly use this as a second squad. Chief Becker reported that he would need to find out the cost for the equipment.

A. Liquor Licenses, Operator Licenses, Cigarette Licenses and Amusement Devices:

MOTION Curtis/Wescott to approve the following applications as presented. The following have applied for an alcohol beverage license: Johnson's Sausage Shoppe, LR'S Place, Griggys's, Scott's Rio Lanes, Rio Kwik Stop, Inc., and the Rio Fire Department. All of the applicants have passed the mandatory background check. **Operator Licensing:** The following have applied for an Operator's License to tend bar in the Village of Rio: Jonathan D Vangen, Jessica L Dilley, Emily E Olson, Katherine Parlier, Emily A Vander Werf, Jessica J Thompson, Lisa M Thompson, Tricia D Frye, Amanda L Thompson, Katie Klabacka, Hannah M Olson, Shelby L Howe, Renee P Berg, Lisa J Johnson, Chasity A Kovalaske, April R Herwig, Julie Zander, Tiffany S Johnson, Ariana E Luther, Baylie C Stader, Cole T DeGroff, Harmony L Jones, Margie Sachs, **Temp Licenses:** John Butterbaugh, Traci Olson and Brian Johnson. **Amusement Device Licensing:** The following have applied for an Amusement Device License: LR's Place, Griggys, and Scott's Rio Lanes. **Cigarette Licensing:** The following have applied for a Cigarette License: LR's Place Inc, Griggys, Rio Kwik

Stop Inc. and Mark's Market. All outstanding taxes and utility bills must be paid prior to July 1, 2022 license period. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report:

A. Invoices:

MOTION Toth/Stofflet to approve the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Lease Agreement with the Rio Shopper:

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place regarding the lease. Some concerns were raised about another business wanting to rent the space. Members agreed that they would allow it for a month to month lease.

MOTION Milfred/Toth to approve a month to month lease at \$25.00 a month. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Report:

Library Director Staveness gave the library report.

Upcoming Meetings:

Committee meetings will be held on June 27 at 6:00 pm and the Village Board meeting will meet on July 11 at 6:00 pm.

MOTION Curtis/Wescott to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording: Amy Stone, Clerk