

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 26, 2007

PRESIDING: President Lauri Olson

PRESENT: Trustees Dennis Bardy, Dan Deters, Bruce Hunter, Charles Schultz, Cindy Walleck, Roy Wulffen

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Tim Savage

President Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Richmond Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Bardy, Deters, Hunter, Schultz, Walleck, Wulffen and President Olson were present.

President Olson stated that the purpose of this meeting is for action on the proposed sign ordinance, update on cruise nights and a presentation and request from the Rotary and Odd Fellows.

1. Ellen Anderson, who will be taking over the Cruise Night activities for this year, presented information on the proposed layout, hours and activities. This year there will be no food/drink vendors. Parking is the main consideration especially now that there are businesses in the downtown area that are open in the evenings. The Richmond Business Partners want the activities kept in the downtown area. Anderson is requesting the Village to contribute Public Works labor and equipment (barricades, etc). Charles Mormino, owner of Olive Black, 5607 Broadway, speaking for himself and Phil Gilardi, owner of Paisano's, on Broadway, spoke of their concern regarding parking in front of their business establishments. According to Mormino, Friday is their critical gross sales night and they need parking. According to Mormino, the employees park elsewhere (not in front or in the municipal lot). They are both in favor of having Cruise Night in the downtown area but requested consideration on the parking issues. Discussion ensued and Anderson will meet with the two business owners to discuss various options to bring back to the Board.

2. Bryce Klontz presented a Richmond Days Committee proposal, which unites the Richmond Rotary, Odd Fellows Lodge 870 and Village of Richmond into a partnership to organize and manage Richmond Days on August 24 through 26. He presented a rough draft of the scheduled activities and requested that the Village donate labor, materials and \$6,000.00. He also requested use of the Village logo and address. According to Klontz, the downtown business group have given their support and encouragement. This will be the same weekend as the Creekside Bluesfest at Doyle's Restaurant and that is one reason that the location (Broadway and Rt 12) has been chosen for the Richmond Days activities. If the Village supports the endeavor, Klontz will attend the next meeting of the downtown business group to discuss parking and other details. Discussion ensued on the type of activities being proposed (music, food, drink, art show, kids games and possibly bingo). Klontz stated that all non profit groups may participate in order to raise funds. It was pointed out that last year the Village spend over \$4,000 in manhours and President Olson reminded everyone that the new WWPT will be going on line next month and this may create additional time constraints for Public Works. After additional discussion, Schultz moved to donate \$6,000 to the Richmond Days Committee. Bardy seconded the motion. It was further discussed and agreed that this is a one year donation with no guarantee that it will be on-going. Motion passed with Bardy, Hunter, Schultz, Walleck and Wulffen

voting yes. Deters voted no. Trustees thanked the Rotary and Odd Fellows for getting involved in this event.

Members of the audience informed the Board that half the downtown businesses do not belong to the Business group and so their opinions are not representative of the downtown merchants as a whole. Also, Richmond Days has never been a money maker for the businesses but they agreed it is good for the Community.

3. Sign Ordinance. Trustees continued the discussion on proposed amendments to the sign ordinance and the consensus was to leave most of the requirements and consider variance requests on a case by case basis. Five areas will be changed as follows:

1. Insert verbiage from Chapter 15 to address vehicle displayed for sale on private property
2. Remove reference to roof signs in the application form
3. Include in prohibited signs, signs offering vehicles/equipment for sale on private property
4. Increase from 12 – 24 hours (29.03.6)
5. Move all variance references to 29.09.03 and eliminate filing fee

Bardy moved to accept the ordinance with the above changes. Seconded by Hunter and passed with Bardy, Deters, Hunter, Walleck and Wulffen voting yes. Schultz voted no.

There was no further business. Deters moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bardy and passed by unanimous voice vote. 9:30 p.m.

Kathleen Hellmann, Village Clerk