

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

September 10, 2025

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Ron Kay

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Kay, Trustees, Scott Freund, Mike Lynn, Tracy Dickens

ABSENT: Trustee Parker Johnston

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Highway Commissioner Chris Gumm, Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez, Township Attorney David McArdle, 15 members of the public

- R. Kay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Lynn, Freund, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay were present, quorum established. Trustee Johnston absent

MINUTES: Trustee Dickens moved to approve the regular August 13, 2025, meeting minutes, Trustee Freund, second. Trustees Lynn, Freund, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay- all aye votes, no oppose. Trustee Johnston absent. Trustee Lynn moved to approve closed minutes of August 13, 2025. Trustee Freund, second. Trustees Lynn, Freund, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay- all aye votes, no oppose. Trustee Johnston absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Letter from Tori Harvey read by member of the public and received by Clerk for public record
- Request for animal crossing signs for Hwy 31, speed limit for Harts Road
- Comments regarding verbal attacks against Board

TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

- Supervisor R. Kay gave the report:
- Trustee Dickens moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Lynn, second. Trustees Lynn, Freund, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent.
- Township Warrant #25-9T - \$9,821.58. Motion by Trustee Dickens to approve payment, Supervisor R. Kay, second. Trustees Lynn, Freund, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay- yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent
- Road District Warrant #25-9R - \$30,081.35. Motion by Trustee Lynn to approve payment, Supervisor R. Kay, second. Trustees Lynn, Freund, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from RBCHS inviting participation in the homecoming parade
- Letter from TOI regarding the 250th anniversary of the USA

REPORTS:**Supervisor:** Supervisor R. Kay

- Contacted fire department regarding code occupancy for meeting room, waiting for response
- The Community Group offering three, \$150,000 grants to McHenry County, which will be pursued
- Asked Trustees to read Perspective Magazine, page 18

Road District: Highway Commissioner Gumm

- Broadway St. project underway
- Replacement mower experiencing dealer delays
- Preparing equipment for winter, goal to pretreat 100% of township roads this winter with salt brine

Assessor: Assessor O'Neill

- Handled 15 phone calls, sent 8 welcome letters
- Returned door fob to Supervisor after last meeting
- Stated \$12,500 for new software too expensive for Assessor's budget

Clerk: Clerk T. Kay

- Reminder to newly elected Trustees to complete Open Meetings Act training by September 18, 2025
- Informed the public about the information that can be accessed on the Township website

Trustees:

- Trustee Freund spoke to RGS principal, phone message to SGGS principal regarding ways to help bring a program to the schools
- Trustee Lynn requested putting the grading system for road paving information on the Road District website
- Trustee Lynn stated many speeders on East and West Solon Roads, asked if radar signs share info with the McHenry County Sheriff's Department
- Discussion with Attorney David McArdle regarding cost of legal opinions

Senior Transportation: Supervisor R. Kay

- 71 rides given, 909 miles, with McHenry/Johnsburg most frequent destination, 40 rides
- Bus tailpipe fell off and fixed
- Applied for 4 grants, 1 received, 1 denied, October 1 should have final 2 decisions

Cemetery: Supervisor R. Kay

- Data entry project still ongoing
- Applying for grant of \$20,000 from State of Illinois to be used for tree, fence, or road care

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Trustee Freund reported costs for new office; matching door/hardware \$1,400.00-ordered, drywall/studs \$340.00, with plans to start construction October 1, 2025
- Trustee Lynn moved to adopt Public Comment Ordinance 2025-9-10, Trustee Dickens, second. Voice vote, all yes, Trustee Johnston, absent
- Supervisor R. Kay spoke with retired Transportation Director Connie Gradt regarding buying a used bus, concern with the age/usage of the lift was expressed
- Supervisor R. Kay discussed 3-year plan, asking for suggestions/additions from board
- Supervisor R. Kay stated audit received, no problems or issues
- Trustee Dickens moved to accept receipt of the 2024-2025 audit, Supervisor R. Kay, second. All aye votes, no oppose. Trustee Johnston, absent

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of proposed transportation building, costing about \$20,000.00 delivered and built, several company designs/packages included in board packet
- Discussion of proposed bus bid packet

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Comments regarding possible bus lease, Public Comment Ordinance, newsletter update, and overvalued parcels

CLOSED SESSION: none

Trustee Dickens moved to adjourn, Trustee Lynn, second. Trustees Lynn, Freund, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-all aye votes, no oppose. Trustee Johnston, absent

8:24 pm

Township Clerk

Approved: _____