

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING- RICHMOND TOWNSHIP

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 7:00 PM

7812 S. Rt 31, Richmond, IL

1. CALL TO ORDER: Township Clerk, Tammy Kay, called the meeting to order, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all, 7:06 pm. There were 19 electors present.
2. NOMINATE MODERATOR: Tammy Kay introduced herself and thanked all for attending. The floor was opened for nominations for Moderator. Paul Hain, Patricia O'Neill, and Tracy Dickens, nominated Ron Erdmann. There were no other names offered and nominations were closed. Ron Erdmann accepted the nomination.
3. MODERATOR OATH: Tammy Kay administered the Oath of Office to Ron Erdmann, who assumed the chair.
4. APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There was no discussion. Kostian Iftica moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kara Lotz. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. MOTION/VOTE FOR 2024 MEETING: Patricia O'Neill stated potential conflict of proposed meeting date with election day, to which Paul Hain and Tammy Kay stated the date was required by state law and no adjustments were made to proposed date. Kostian Iftica moved to set April 8, 2025, 7:00 pm as the date/time for the 2025 meeting as prescribed by law. Seconded by Ron Kay, and passed by unanimous voice vote.
6. OFFICIAL'S INTRODUCTIONS: Ron Erdmann introduced Township Supervisor Paul Hain.

7. ANNUAL REPORT: The attached Supervisor's Annual Report was verbally reviewed by Paul Hain. He explained the Administration and Assessor budgets and showed both were under budgeted amount. The Senior Transportation account was slightly over budget by about \$3800.00. The program currently has 78 riders. He described the requirements to ride, of age 50+ and resident of township. Hain explained the purpose of the General Assistance Account and how township resident's needs are provided for. He discussed the Cemetery Account that covers 4 cemeteries in the township and the contracted services of landscaping and grave digging.

Assessor, Patricia O'Neill thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited all to monthly township meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7pm. She explained 2023 was a quadrennial year that required the entire township to be revalued. She explained the process the Assessor's Office uses to contact residents about things that will require a new assessment, such as a new garage, pole barn or inground pool. She stated she welcomes questions about projects/improvements home owners are considering and how that may affect their property tax.

Chris Gumm, Highway Commissioner, explained the attached Highway Commissioner's Annual Report, highlighting funds and functions of the funds. He explained the use of the Motor Fuel Tax and Rebuild Illinois Fund money and how costs were lowered. He discussed the good condition of the equipment, with in house staff maintaining and refurbishing. Gratitude was expressed towards the staff for the excellent work they do. Gumm explained the salt brine process and lower costs associated with the process, the donation of a paving box, from a resident, that will help with road repairs and shoulder gravel, the Road District is now a CDL 3rd party testing site, and the old road grader on display at office entrance from the 1890's that is currently being fixed up and repaired. Chris Gumm answered several questions from the audience regarding road projects, conditions and funding.

8. VOTE TO ACCEPT ANNUAL REPORTS: Ron Erdmann thanked Paul Hain and Chris Gumm for their reports. A motion was made by Patricia O'Neill to

accept the Township Supervisor Annual Report, seconded by Stuart Mitchell, and passed by unanimous voice vote. Kostian Iftica made a motion to accept the Road Commissioner Annual Report, seconded by Julia Ramsland, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

9. OTHER DISCUSSION/COMMENTS: Ron Erdmann opened the discussion to the floor. The Township Board Trustees introduced themselves and Paul Hain introduced Ron Kay as Assistant Supervisor. He commented that 8+ years ago when he took the position of Supervisor, his views have changed regarding township government. He said that in the state government structure, township government is the bottom rung of the ladder but the only one that is most represented to the public. He stated you the public have a voice and that the township is designed to serve the people. Scott Freund explained the many programs the township offers. He believes the Senior Transportation program is very important to the well being of the seniors in the township both mentally and physically. He asked the public to please give input/ideas through email, phone call or come to the meetings.
10. ADJOURN: There was no other business. Scott Freund moved to adjourn, seconded by Julia Ramsland, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

7:55 pm

Tammy Kay
Richmond Township Clerk

Ron Erdmann
Moderator

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