

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

July 9th, 2025

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Ron Kay

PRESENT: Trustees, Scott Freund, Mike Lynn, Tracy Dickens

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Highway Commissioner Chris Gumm, Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez

- R. Kay called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Dickens moved to approve the regular June 18th, 2025, meeting minutes, Trustee Lynn second. Trustees Freund, Lynn, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent

Trustee Freund moved to approve the special meeting minutes of June 25th, 2025, Trustee Dickens, second. Trustees Freund, Lynn, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Elector Kosta Iftica stated many inconsistencies in assessments that he found after reviewing documents received through FOIA
- Audience members expressed numerous concerns regarding the Assessor and the Assessor's office.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

- Supervisor R. Kay gave the report:
- Trustee Freund moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Lynn, second. Trustees Freund, Lynn, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent
- Township Warrant #25-7T - \$4,714.56. Motion by Trustee Freund to approve payment, Supervisor R. Kay, second. Trustees Freund, Lynn, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay- yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent.
- Road District Warrant #25-7R - \$62,245.67. Motion by Trustee Lynn to approve payment, Trustee Freund, second. Trustees Freund, Lynn, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- none

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

- Supervisor R. Kay and Trustee Freund attended seminar for new Supervisors and Trustees. New state policy, Clerk must attest Cemetery bills, Township policy needs to be created regarding social media and AI.
- Supervisor R. Kay registered for a General Assistance class October 17, 2025

Road District: Highway Commissioner Gumm

- Joint sealant purchase with Village of Spring Grove underway.
- McHenry County Sheriff's Road Crew Program has been assisting in projects
- 2010-F350 truck sold for \$14,100.00
- Tractor pulling grass mower was rear-ended. Working with insurance company, no injuries.

Assessor: Assessor O'Neill

- Handled 67 phone calls, received 35 Spring Grove permits, 14 emails, helped 5 seniors file for senior freeze

Clerk: Clerk T. Kay

- FOIA request from Max Stolyarov-Tax Data Analysis Manager

Trustees:

- Trustee Freund spoke about how other townships inform residents, most use newsletters. Our cost about \$3-4,000.

Senior Transportation: Supervisor R. Kay

- \$50,000 grant received from Northwestern to be applied towards a bus
- Has contacted bus companies for used bus pricing and trade in value of current bus
- One driver currently hospitalized
- 64 rides given, 1,058 miles driven, with most rides to McHenry/Johnsburg of 44.

Cemetery: Supervisor R. Kay

- Solon Mills Cemetery Road Vacation soon to be completed. This is north of the cemetery, 30', running the entire length of the cemetery. To be determined if used for parking or burial plots.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Assessor's Office could be placed in current Cemetery Office, which can be emptied immediately. Documents could be temporarily locked in Supervisor's Office. Trustee Johnston has drawings and cost for 8' x 10' office to house the Cemetery Office.
- Supervisor R. Kay contacted legal counsel regarding validity of McHenry County code 16.56.050. Per attorney, is valid, any variance needed is between homeowner and county.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor R. Kay stated, the treasurer is required to be paid \$100-1,000 from Road District funds. Discussed new legislation regarding Highway Commissioner salary paid from Road District funds with approval of Board and Commissioner. Will contact TOI for clarification and place on next agenda.
- Commissioner Gumm passed out copies of HB3238

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Elector Iftica clarified County code 16.56.050, homeowner and 1 worker allowed.
- Discussion about Assessor's Office
- Trustee Dickens stated- We don't want to discourage anyone from coming each month to discuss something over and over.
- Discussion about newsletter, possibly combine with village, library or chamber

CLOSED SESSION:

- None

Trustee Dickens moved to adjourn, Trustee Freund, second. Trustees Freund, Lynn, Dickens and Supervisor R. Kay-yes votes. Trustee Johnston, absent.

8:09 pm

Township Clerk

Approved: _____