

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL  
February 16, 2022, 7:00 pm

**PRESIDING:** Supervisor Paul Hain

**PRESENT:** Trustees, Scott Freund, Mike Gullifor, Kostian Iftica, Kara Lotz

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Tammy Kay, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez

**ABSENT:** Patricia O’Neill

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

**ROLL CALL:** Hain, Freund, Gullifor, Iftica and Lotz, were present. Quorum established.

**MINUTES:** Freund moved to approve the minutes of the December 8,2021 meeting, seconded by Iftica, and passed by unanimous voice vote. Freund moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, minutes, seconded by Hain and passed by unanimous voice vote. Iftica moved to approve the December 8, 2021, closed session minutes, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated the budget year ends March 31, 2022. General Assistance has been slow, mostly gas gift cards and food gift cards. Senior Transportation is in a better place than last year. Gullifor moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Freund. Passed with unanimous voice vote.

Road Warrant #22-2R in the audited amount of \$32,566.79 was presented. Gullifor moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund, and passed with Hain, Freund, Gullifor, Iftica, and Lotz, voting yes.

Town Warrant #22-2T in the audited amount of \$9,666.26 was presented. Gullifor moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund, and passed with Hain, Freund, Gullifor, Iftica, and Lotz, voting yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Photos taken by Kay of the December 11, 2021, Santa and Reindeer event were viewed. A thank you card received from the Richmond-Burton Community High School National Honor Society, regarding the toys gathered for the Toys for Tots program. A thank you card was received from the riders of the Senior Transportation program thanking the township for service and lunch.

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Hain reported he has had several teleconference calls with the McHenry County Department of Transportation regarding the Senior Services Grant turning over the transportation aspect of the grant to them. There is concern how this will affect the township Senior Transportation Program. He has another meeting next week.

**Road District:** Gumm reported he has 350 tons of salt left to take delivery of. He is looking at options for storage. This winter has had very few snow/ice events. The Village of Spring Grove may construct a new salt storage shed and may be able to store the township excess. He stated he is waiting for the new pickup truck to be delivered and will be ordering a new plow truck which may take 2 years for delivery. There are new subdivision roads proposed for the NE section of the township with a \$250,000-\$300,000 estimated cost. Lotz inquired about the garbage pickup for the new area and felt it would be a good time to establish a single company. Gumm stated the board needs to make the decision to put that onto the ballot or join the county program.

**Assessor:** none

**Clerk:** none

**Trustees:** Iftica spoke about the email change and that Wonderwave has new owners. The new website has a 3-year contract which has been paid for. He has made himself available for anyone needing help switching email accounts.

**Senior Transportation:** Benitez stated the Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner date is March 9, 2022. Senior Transportation will pick up and deliver meals to any senior riders that preorder.

**Cemetery Board:** none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a.) Hain stated McHenry County Senior Grant Commission may be requesting a name change of the Senior Transportation Program. New names were suggested: Senior Shuttle, Senior Wellness, Senior Support, Senior Services, Senior Mobility Outreach, and Senior Community Access. Iftica and Freund believe the township attorney should be consulted regarding the name change and the language of the original ballot referendum regarding transportation. Freund would like to know if the name needs to be changed. Gullifor suggested a letter from the township attorney inquiring the need for a name change.
- b.) The board decided to hire the Santa's Village Reindeer for December 10, 2022 with a contract clause of a non-penalty cancellation date of May 31, 2022. Arrangements need to be made with the Village of Richmond and to secure another Santa. Santa's Village will not be providing a Santa anymore. That was a special Covid 19 accommodation. The cost for the reindeer is \$1,945.00 with \$1,000 deposit to hold the date.
- c.) Hain stated the many difficulties with Blackhawk Bank have made it necessary for a change. JP Morgan Bank has a government division with knowledgeable employees along with online account access, online bill-pay and a hand scanner for depositing checks. Iftica moved to approve JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., 140 West Cook Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Libertyville, IL 60048 as a depository for Richmond Township, Road District and Cemetery Funds, seconded by Lotz and approved with unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments:** none

**Closed Session:** None

There was no other business. Gullifor moved to adjourn. Seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote 8:49 pm.

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Township Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_