

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

March 8, 2023

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees, Tracy Dickens, Scott Freund, Kosta Iftica, Kara Lotz

ALSO PRESENT: Highway Commissioner Chris Gumm, Clerk Tammy Kay, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez, 3 RBCHS Civic's class students

ABSENT: Assessor Patricia O'Neill

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

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

MINUTES: Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular February 8, 2023 meeting, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote. Hain moved to approve the closed session minutes of the February 8, 2023, meeting, seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated General Assistance has seen a steady flow of people needing food, utility and rent money. He commended Gumm for the income increase in the General Road & Bridge account. Hain explained he will be setting up the Senior Transportation account as a separate account with improved information. Freund moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Township Warrant #23-3T in the amount of \$5,102.12 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica and passed with Dickens, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

Road District Warrant #23-3R in the amount of \$52,387.42 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Dickens, and passed with Dickens, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A donation was received from The Community Church of Richmond, for \$200, designated for the Senior Transportation Program.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain pointed out the new prints hanging in the township. They are prints of the Constitutional freedoms portrayed by Norman Rockwell. He said TOI is sponsoring a college grant for high school seniors. To apply they need to interview the Supervisor and write an essay.

Road District: Gumm passed out a packet which included the salary report, an email thanking the Road District for snow removal, public notice of local referenda and a description of a new piece of equipment to replace a 30-year-old asphalt trailer. The new asphalt trailer quote was under the \$30,000 legal requirement of going out for bid. He discussed the proposed Algonquin Township referendum regarding contracting one garbage service for the township. Multiple garbage trucks are detrimental to roads and the board could consider this for Richmond Township. He stated there was a lot of storm cleanup from the ice storm on February 22, 2023. The McHenry County Sheriff's Road Crew Program provided help with cleanup and multiple loads of downed branches and trees were removed. Gumm discussed a proposed state bill regarding prevailing wage and intergovernmental agreements and a recently passed law, effective Jan. 1, 2024 regarding paid leave for all workers in the state. He stated he will have a list of surplus items for the Annual Town Meeting, April 11, 2023.

Assessor: The Assessor was contacted by phone to report. She states a new digital company will open in Spring Grove and the storage place in Solon Mills has been sold. The assessments will be increasing 11.14% per the county, with tax increases to follow. Her team will be checking Kensington Manor properties for owner occupied vs. rentals. There is a lot of new construction to get on to the books.

Clerk: Kay reminded the board to submit their Statement of Economic Interest to the county and to the clerk's office.

Trustees: none

Senior Transportation: Freund asked if the board has given thought to the PACE proposal and would like to schedule a second meeting with them to get more information. Benitez stated the Rotary Club spaghetti dinner was tonight. \$615 worth of dinners were purchased by riders, with 100% of profits going to the Richmond/Spring Grove Community Food Pantry.

Cemetery Board: Hain stated the board has been busy with burials and are currently in the process of backing up and reinstalling data bases to remove excess accounts and passwords. He said the new rules regarding limitations on flowers/décor will be on the cemetery website soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Freund reminded the board, of legislation that was passed requiring a Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency. The requirement of a committee/meeting will be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: Freund moved to accept the Annual Town Meeting Agenda of April 11, 2023, with amendments discussed, seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: Iftica made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Dickens, and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:26 pm.

Freund moved to end closed session, seconded by Iftica, and passed by unanimous voice vote. 9:22 pm.

There was no other business. Iftica moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

9:23pm

Township Clerk

Approved: _____