

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

July 12, 2023

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez, 1 member of the public

ABSENT: Assessor Patricia O'Neill

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

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

MINUTES: Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular June 14, 2022, meeting, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: McHenry County Board Representative Karl Kominski, District 6, introduced himself. He attended the meeting to better understand the needs of his district.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated about half of the 2022 tax dollars have been received. The budget is in good shape all within normal range at this time. Senior Transportation has received grant money with another check coming soon from the Community Grant.

Iftica moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dickens, and passed with unanimous voice vote.

Township Warrant #23-7T in the amount of \$4,839.67 was presented. Iftica moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

Road District Warrant #23-7R in the amount of \$9,690.69 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Lotz, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received commending O'Neill and the Assessor's office, a letter from Senator Wilcox's office stating they will be trying to help with Senior Transportation needs and a newspaper article regarding vandalism at the Richmond Cemetery and other locales.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain reported of a recent financial need in the township and requested the board's input on how to address the need. Discussion ensued on various ways to help. Hain was asked to visit the

location for more information. Dickens offered to accompany him. They will ask them to apply for General Assistance through the intake interview.

Road District: Gumm reported the Hill Road bridge has a degradation issue involving concrete water retaining areas outside of the guardrails, not affecting the actual road. An engineer will be examining the structure. The neighborhood speed limit changes are almost done. All of the township subdivisions, except one, have a 25-mph speed zone and also uniformity on parking restrictions etc. The signage has been updated. The Road District recently helped repair a flag pole at the Hebron Veteran's home and has been utilizing the McHenry County Sheriff's Road Crew Program.

Assessor: O'Neill was absent but meeting with residents about their tax assessment.

Clerk: Kay stated she assisted Peter Gussie of the McConnell Foundation in researching old records from the late 1800's regarding the history of Richmond including the George Street Bridge, legal descriptions and Montelona Township Records.

Trustees: Freund stated he has researched the process of putting a question on the ballot regarding if the township shall pursue unified garbage pickup for the township residents. He stated the process and will be compiling an email for board members regarding wording of the question with the plan of placing this on the August 9,2023 regular meeting agenda to get the process started.

Senior Transportation: Hain reported the amount of rides, miles and fuel used for June services, with 75 rides given covering 905.6 miles.

Cemetery Board: Hain reported that 2 weeks ago the Richmond Cemetery, Hill Road, and Bennett Park were vandalized. There was spray painting on roads and cemetery stones and urinals were broken off the wall at the park. The pavement was resealed to cover the offensive defacement and monuments will be cleaned. Approximately \$3,000.00 has been spent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The second Decennial Committee meeting was held. A strategic plan with a mission statement was discussed. Board members are asked to gather ideas of what the mission statement should say and email them to Hain. The committee still needs 2 members of the public to be members. Iftica will place an announcement on the electronic sign and on the website. He will also create a working google document to include all committee members and the research they compile.

NEW BUSINESS: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

There was no other business. Dickens moved to adjourn, seconded by Freund and passed by unanimous voice vote.

8:26pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____