

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

May 11, 2022

7:00 pm

**PRESIDING:** Supervisor Paul Hain

**PRESENT:** Trustees, Scott Freund, Kosta Iftica, Kara Lotz

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Tammy Kay, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Assessor Patricia O'Neill

**ABSENT:** Diana Benitez

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

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

**MINUTES:** Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular April 13, 2022, meeting, seconded by Hain and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Hain presented the reports and balances. The budgets this month only show expenses with no percentages, as the new budget has not been approved yet. He stated TOIRMA rates will be going up, not because of the Township, but in general. He wants TOIRMA to provide coverage to Township members doing township business in their private vehicles. He is waiting to hear back. Freund asked why there are no gasoline expenditures this month, Hain replied it hasn't been billed yet. Freund inquired of O'Neill about the large software license bill. She explained it has the township tax roll information and enables her to add/change any information.

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

Town Warrant #22-5T in the audited amount of \$21,154.39 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

Road Warrant #22-5R in the audited amount of \$41,296.03 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Hain stated that it has been a busy month. He has been filing reports and addressed the Senior Services Grant Commission Board on April 22, 2022. He told the board we need to find a way to make the Senior Transportation Program financially viable. He feels the program does a great job providing a service that PACE and McRide are unable to duplicate. O'Neill offered to get a contact name

for the PACE program. Freund stated we've talked about this for 12 months and we need to move forward. He will happily make phone calls.

**Road District:** Gumm reported the Lakeview Subdivision prep work has been completed. There have been water shed improvements and tree trimming. The multiyear project is concluding. Positive feedback from homeowners has been received. He stated a hole has been found in the Pioneer Road Bridge. He has met with engineers regarding the bridge condition. A metal plate is in and place and the consensus is it will be closed down to one lane for structural repairs. He anticipates an eventual closure to the bridge as it was built about the same time as the West Solon Bridge and seems to have similar structural concerns. He stated full time employee Dennis Storley will be leaving the Road District effective next Friday. There is a possibility he will be a part time employee for snow removal season. The Road District visited Johnsburg High School. Gumm and several employees spoke with students about jobs and showed them equipment in the Road District. He hopes to participate in an apprentice program the high school is trying to form.

**Assessor:** O'Neill explained the PAMS computer program is software designed to assist in appraisals and assessments. She stated she has hired 5 summer employees at an hourly wage of \$16. Tuesday she will meet with the McHenry County Supervisor of Assessors to visit businesses in the township. She stated Blackhawk Bank is closing August 1, the Richmond Hunt Club property is back on the market and the Andres property is still for sale.

**Clerk:** Kay gave a big thank you for the security window that Scott Freund ordered and installed.

**Trustees:** Freund asked about the trustee interview process. Hain asked each member of the board to submit a question for the interview session to him. He stated there are 7 people interested in the position. Gumm mentioned that HB 4251 has been signed by the Governor becoming Public Act 102.0728 which provides that any purchase by a township for services, materials, equipment, or supplies more than \$30,000.00 (rather than \$20,000.00) is subject to the bidding process.

**Senior Transportation:** Hain stated he went to the Senior Transportation Grant Commission meeting on April 22 to refresh the committee's memory about the referendum that was passed in the county allowing a tax increase for senior transportation funding. He explained to the commission that they have dropped the amount of funding for Richmond Township's program. The larger organizations are getting more funding and local organizations are getting less and eventually the funding will go away completely. Hain stated if we are headed in the direction of another \$40,000.00 deficit, we will need to discontinue the program. Previous boards chose to subsidize the deficit in the program; however, the township can't afford to keep up the subsidy. Iftica mentioned He has stated it before and will state it again, we need to get sponsorships for the program. Freund stated we pay tax dollars for the grant program and it's not coming back to us. He stated that we've talked about this, and we need to do something. Gumm suggested setting goals for the next 30 days. Before the next meeting Hain will contact State Representative Tom Weber and Freund will contact Steve Reich to explain the funding dilemma. Kay asked if the mechanic at the Road District could do oil changes and maintenance to save funds.

**Cemetery Board:** There has been an increase in inquiries regarding cremain burials. There are a couple of projects being discussed. North Solon Cemetery has a large oak tree uprooting a gravestone. The tree needs to be removed and the gravestone reset on a concrete pad. Richmond Cemetery has an asphalt road currently covering 3 gravesites that needs to be addressed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hain presented the FY2023 Township Tentative Budget. He stated he will make changes to the Senior Transportation budget and O'Neill will also be making changes. Iftica moved to accept FY2023 Township Tentative Budget, seconded by Freund and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Gumm presented the FY2023 Road District Tentative Budget. He will adjust the Permanent Road Budget to account for repairs to the Pioneer Road bridge. Freund moved to accept FY2023 Road District Tentative Budget, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Thursday June 9,2022, 6:30pm, was set for a special meeting to interview Trustee candidates.

The Santa's Village contract and Santa Claus contract approval has been postponed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**CLOSED SESSION:** Hain reminded the board that anytime they felt it was necessary to go into closed session, they can request it. No closed session.

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

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pm.

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Township Clerk

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