

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

March 9, 2022

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees, Scott Freund, Mike Gullifor, Kosta 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 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

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

MINUTES: Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular February 16, 2022, meeting, seconded by Gullifor and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. This is the last report for the fiscal year. General Assistance has been light. Gullifor inquired as to why. Hain stated other charities have stepped up such as Home of the Sparrow, McHenry County Housing Authority, Covid relief monies and more.

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

Town Warrant #22-3T in the audited amount of \$5,656.05 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica and passed with Gullifor, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

Road Warrant #22-3R in the audited amount of \$50,588.07 was presented. Before the warrant was approved, Gullifor stated it was not good protocol to use a personal credit card to purchase computers for the Road District and then request reimbursement. He suggested the board consider creating rules and guidelines regarding future purchases. Gumm stated it was a mistake on his part, that he used a personal card that looked like the Road District Card by accident. Gullifor moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica, and passed with Gullifor, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

Gullifor made a motion to file the fiscal year 2022 (April 1,2021-March 31,2022) Treasurer's Report for audit, seconded by Freund and passed by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Santa's Village Reindeer date has been penciled in for December 10, 2022. No deposit is required yet. Plans/location need to be discussed with the Village of Richmond to possibly coincide with the Cocoa Walk date. The Iftica family sent a birth announcement to the township.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain stated the new sign was delivered with damage. The township was reluctant to accept delivery. Phone calls to General Rule Sign Company resulted in a promise to send a replacement tile at no cost. The sign is lit tonight by generator. The electric contractor, Kasco Electric, will be directional boring new electric service this Friday, March 11, 2022.

Road District: Gumm reported he has the last 175 tons of salt soon to be delivered. It has been a winter with few snow/ice events and the salt shed is very full. He is making plans where to store the next delivery. New LED lightbulbs have been installed in the light fixtures in the parking lot.

Assessor: O'Neill was absent but mentioned to Hain that KLM Builders have been issued permits in the township. It has been a while for new construction. She will be meeting with Scot Forge management to find out their plans for the corner of Rt. 12/Winn Rd.

Clerk: Kay informed the board about the changes to the Economic Interest Statement form. She passed out a guideline from the McHenry County Clerk and Recorder's Office and referenced an article in the February issue of the Township Perspective Magazine.

Trustees: Freund would like the board to start planning a financial solution for the Senior Transportation Program and future office space for the Assessor's office. Hain stated he had recently looked at blueprints for the current Township Office which shows room for future addition on the north end of the building. Lotz asked if the township needs to start saving funds for the project. Hain stated there is a cushion in the budget for the project. Freund stated we would need to hire an architect to design a potential addition, then costs and budget could be determined. He would like to designate time to discuss this in future meetings.

Senior Transportation: Hain stated he has been trying to gather information about the future of the Senior Transportation Grant. He has spoken to Tracy Von Bergen, a Senior Grant commission member and representative of our district. She has indicated the commission would like to drop funding for transportation, but she is unsure why. Hain has spoken to McHenry County Planning and Development and PACE looking for answers. He stated he will keep fighting for the Senior Transportation Program.

Tonight, was the annual Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner. Senior orders tripled from last year. Township drivers delivered meals to riders that preordered. Riders and Rotary Club members were pleased with the arrangement.

Cemetery Board: Hain stated graves have not been selling, but there have been many requests to bury cremains in an established gravesite. This is allowed with conditions.

Hain contacted Bruce Adams about a Potter's Field location in the Richmond Cemetery. Adams is not sure where it is located. A Ground Penetrating Radar machine is available for daily rental for \$2500. It does not reveal caskets or remains, it only reveals if the ground has been disturbed. More research is needed.

He did look in to the cost of a Columbarium. This is a mini mausoleum for cremains. These are very useful for cemeteries reaching capacity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Gullifor moved to approve township resolution TR22-1, Annual Town Meeting, with date amended, seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Iftica moved to approve the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting, April 12,2022, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Hain moved to accept the resignation of Trustee Mike Gullifor, seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote.

A gift from township members was presented to Iftica in celebration of his new baby. A cake was presented to Gullifor thanking him for his service to the township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

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

8:09 pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____