

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RICHMOND TOWNSHIP1

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 7:00 pm

7812 S. Rt 31, Richmond, IL

1. Township clerk Tammy Kay called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. There were 10 electors present.
2. Clerk Kay introduced herself and thanked all for attending. The floor was opened for nominations for Moderator. Paul Hain nominated Ron Erdmann. There were no other names offered and nominations were closed. Erdmann accepted the nomination, voting ensued and Erdmann received a majority vote.
3. Kay administered the oath of office to Erdmann, who assumed the chair.
4. Minutes from the April 9,2019 minutes were reviewed. Ron Kay moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Parker Johnston. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
5. Ron Kay moved to set April 12,2022, 7:00 pm as the time for the 2022 meeting as prescribed by law. Seconded by Carol Johnston and passed by unanimous voice vote.
6. Erdmann proceeded to introduce Township Supervisor Paul Hain, who then introduced Township officials, Highway Commissioner Chris Gumm, Clerk Tammy Kay, Trustee Mike Gullifor and Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez. He asked the audience to introduce themselves. Elector Parker Johnston expressed interest in becoming a Township Trustee.
7. Hain described Township surplus equipment slated for sale or trade, a 2013- 4 Door Chevrolet Traverse. Gumm has 3 pieces of equipment. A 2007 Dodge Dakota Truck 4 door, a 2012 F 150 Truck and a 1995 Tiger Mower. Parker Johnston moved to authorize to sell the Chevy Traverse, seconded by Ron Kay and passed with unanimous voice vote. Parker Johnston moved to authorize to sell the Dodge Dakota, seconded by Ron Kay and passed with unanimous voice vote. Ron Kay moved to authorize to sell the F 150 Truck seconded by Parker Johnston and passed with unanimous voice vote. Ron Kay moved to authorize to sell the Tiger Mower, seconded by Parker Johnston and passed with unanimous voice vote.

8. The attached Supervisor's Annual report was verbally reviewed by Hain. Ron Erdmann asked if balances are healthy. Hain responded the Town Fund and General Assistance are healthy balances, and that Senior Transportation has not been running due to Covid 19. Gumm explained the Road District has a healthy budget describing 2019 salt cost was about \$65,000 and 2020 salt cost was \$40,000. He stated 1.3 miles of Clark Road is due to repave this year at a cost of \$225,000. Erdmann asked Gumm how to defend to the taxpayer the healthy budget reserves. Gumm explained He will be replacing 2 large plow trucks at a cost of \$200,000 each. Chris Johnston asked if surplus accounts are interest bearing. Hain explained funds are in accounts earning under 1% interest. Dennis Storlie asked if funds can be invested in stocks. Hain stated government funds must be in secure investments and are currently located in Blackhawk Bank in Richmond. Gumm stated there is about \$1800 interest earned on his accounts.

9. Ron Kay made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Annual Report and the Highway Commissioners Annual Report, seconded by Parker Johnston, passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. Erdmann asked if there was any discussion between Burton and Richmond Townships for a merge. Hain replied He recently spoke to the Burton Township Supervisor about this and they seem happy with the current status. Hain explained that to merge the 2 townships, it would need to be placed on the ballot and a new board would be voted in, along with a name change. Dennis Storely asked when Senior Transportation will start back up. Diana Benitez explained the target date is May 1,2021, assuming drivers have completed Covid immunization series. She explained procedures for sanitizing between trips have been set.

11. There was no other business, Erdmann thanked all for coming to the meeting. Ron Kay moved to adjourn, seconded by Parker Johnston and passed by unanimous voice vote. 7:37 pm

Tammy Kay

Ron Erdmann

Richmond Township Clerk

Moderator

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