

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

January 11, 2023

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

ALSO PRESENT: Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez, Highway Commissioner Chris Gumm

ABSENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Assessor Patricia O'Neill

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 December 14, 2022, meeting, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. A question was asked regarding line # 820 of the Administration section, being over budget by 67%. Hain stated the law allows to spend money in other categories as long as the bottom line is not over 10% of the budget. If it is over the budget would have to be amended.

Iftica moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dickens and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Town Warrant #23-1T in the audited amount of \$4,495.29 was presented. Dickens moved to approve payment, seconded by Hain and passed with Dickens, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

Road Warrant #23-1R in the audited amount of \$11,357.53 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund, and passed with Dickens, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter was received from the McHenry County Historical Society for the donation from the township. The Richmond/Spring Grove Community Food Pantry sent a thank you card and were very appreciative of the donations from the Santa and Reindeer event.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain stated his report will be made during the Senior Transportation and Cemetery Board section of the agenda.

Road District: Gumm handed out a packet including the salary report, Hill Road map and dash cam view. He stated the next road project will be Hill Road. The Village of Richmond is responsible for part of the road and the project was presented by Gumm to the Village Board. He stated he will be purchasing new cabinetry for storage in the office and dash cameras for snowplows. Discussion of Hill Road and Kuhn Road ensued.

Assessor: Hain stated O'Neill is still dealing with health issues. She has two people hired and will hire a third. She has been in discussion with Hain regarding the assessor budget.

Clerk: none

Trustees: none

Senior Transportation: Freund emailed PACE trying to arrange for a representative to be at the February township meeting. He stated the dates of the upcoming Village of Richmond and Village of Spring Grove Board meetings. Hain stated he has been in discussion with Burton Township Supervisor, John Flood in regards to financial support. He also stated he spoke with McRide and they would be willing to offer a bus lease of \$100 per month. Hain said we could hire an escort to ride with seniors to help with offloading groceries etc. instead of having drivers that drive and perform that service.

Iftica stated he is still working on the set-up of the donation page. It was suggested that Chase Bank, the township's bank, may be able to work with him.

Cemetery Board: Hain said they are actively looking for a welder to repair fencing and Civil War Monuments. He said the board is looking for a third member that would help with locating graves, measuring plots and be willing to devote time and effort to the Cemetery Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

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

7:55
pm

Township Clerk

Approved: _____

The minutes were transcribed from cell phone recording.