

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

September 13, 2023

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

ALSO PRESENT: Assessor Patricia O’Neill, Clerk Tammy Kay, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez, Village of Richmond Trustee Ron Kay, Patty Slove

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

ROLL CALL: Freund, Iftica, Dickens and Hain were present. Lotz arrived 7:07pm. Quorum established.

MINUTES: Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular August 9, 2023, meeting, seconded by Hain and passed with unanimous voice vote.

Iftica moved to approve the Decennial Local Government Efficiency Act, April 12, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Dickens, and passed with unanimous voice vote.

Dickens moved to approve the Decennial Local Government Efficiency Act, July 12, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Iftica and passed with unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENTS: O’Neill thanked the Highway Department for the Hill Road paving project and for the new speed limit sign with radar.

Ron Kay, Village of Richmond Trustee, was asked by the Village of Richmond President, Toni Wardanian to invite the township to participate in the Village’s Christmas tree lighting ceremony on December 8, 2023, with the Santa and reindeer event. He stated the village would close the road by the gazebo for the reindeer trailer. He asked the board to contact the Village of Richmond Clerk, Karla Thomas, for details.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated the September tax income has not been received yet. General Assistance has been busy. Recipients are requesting small amounts and are very grateful for the help.

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

Township Warrant #23-9T in the amount of \$5,614.15 was presented. Dickens moved to approve payment, seconded by Lotz and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

Road District Warrant #23-9R in the amount of \$12,595.89 was presented. Dickens moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain reported the annual audit is taking longer than usual and should be finished in October. He expressed dismay with Chase Bank for not keeping promises regarding a dedicated local agent experienced with government accounts and not providing a corporate credit card. Chase stated they are not bound by the Illinois government entities payment action to which Hain requested a letter from their legal advisor regarding their decision. It has been 8 weeks with no response. Dickens stated his village uses US Bank and will get more info to Hain.

Road District: Gumm reported he is in the process of writing an IGA with the Spring Grove Fire Department. He received a letter from Veterans Path to Hope, Hebron, IL, thanking the road district for help in fixing the flag pole. He passed out pictures of the new 2-ton asphalt hot box that arrived and a donated asphalt patching trailer, that is old technology, but in good useable condition. His department is beginning winter preparations.

Assessor: O'Neill stated 78 appeals have been filed and 5 new house permits for Spring Grove have been received. She has been working with Freund on identifying senior citizens in Richmond Township that can be contacted through a newsletter regarding Senior Transportation Services.

Clerk: none

Trustees: Freund handed out a sample township newsletter regarding consolidated garbage service. Discussion of ideas to add to the newsletter, potential advertiser to offset postage costs, photos and welcome to new businesses in township. O'Neill can generate an address list of township residents.

Senior Transportation: Hain gave the report. He stated the Castle Motors car is getting utilized more, which is reflected in the average MPG column. He is meeting with the township supervisors of McHenry and Hebron and is in the process of creating a co-op to share costs and services. September 22, 2023 the Senior Services Grant Commission meeting will be held. Each supervisor will speak about the co-op and present their grant request.

Cemetery Board: Hain stated 1 person has shown interest in the Cemetery Board. He will also reach out to another person that previously was interested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Iftica created a working shared document for the Decennial Committee. He asked about the OMA section and suggested everyone take the online course. Kay and O'Neill have completed it. He also stated the IGA section needs to separate Township from Road District. Iftica asked about the Santa and reindeer event. Discussion ensued. There is concern for safety with the traffic downtown. Hain will contact Karla Thomas.

NEW BUSINESS: semi annual review of closed session minutes will be conducted in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: Iftica moved to go into closed session; per the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, or legal matters with or without township legal counsel, seconded by Lotz and passed with unanimous voice vote. 8:17pm

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

8:39pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____