RICHMOND TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

September 8, 2021

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, and Lotz, were present. Quorum established.

MINUTES: Iftica moved to approve the minutes of the August 11th, 2021 meeting, seconded by Gullifor and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated the tax distribution should be about 96% by October 1, 2021.

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

Town Warrant #21-9T in the audited amount of $2,665.86 was presented. Gullifor moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica and passed with Gullifor, Freund, Iftica, and Lotz voting yes.

Road Warrant #21-9R in the audited amount of $33,211.63 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Hain, and passed with Gullifor, Freund, Iftica, and Lotz voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Pictures of the tree/shrub removal from the front of the Township building were shown. Gumm's crew and the McHenry County Jail crew removed them. Discussion about shutters/sign on the building and plantings were discussed.

REPORTS:

   Supervisor: Hain stated the General Assistance and Emergency Assistance accounts have been placid. He, along with Lotz and senior transportation rider Gloria, have been finalizing the presentation for the Senior Transportation Grant presentation scheduled for September 10th, 2021. Hain stated he will be meeting with the Burton Township Supervisor on Sept. 15, 2021 and then the Burton Township Board to discuss the Senior Transportation Program. Burton Township has 11 riders that use the service.

Road District: Gumm reported he has 1 bid for sealcoating the township driveway and hoping for more. There has been a steady increase in right of way permits. He stated they removed trees in Lakeview Acres that were encroaching on power lines. Com Ed sent a lineman to move the line while the removal was done. In the past, a call was placed to Com Ed and they removed the tree. The Road District has a new part time employee, Eric McGinnis. He stated Cargill Salt Company exited the contract with the State of Illinois as they are not able to meet demands. He is waiting to hear from the state how this will be worked out. He does have 700 tons of salt in the shed now, with an average winter use of 900 tons. Freund asked about the Com Ed bill in the budget, what it was for. It is for street lights throughout the township.

Assessor: none

Clerk: none

Trustees: Lotz presented her handout/presentation for the Senior Transportation Grant. She asked for additional ideas and suggestions.

Senior Transportation: Benitez stated she is able to accommodate scheduling passengers 98% of the time.

Cemetery Board: Hain stated Cindy Gardner has generously donated $10,000 for replacement of the chain link fence around the newer section of Cedarvale Cemetery on South Solon Road. Hain is working with a blacksmith in Wauconda, IL on replicating the antique iron fencing. Freund stated he will start repairs to the Richmond Cemetery Mausoleum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hain presented information about the new sign. He has received quotes from a company in Wauconda, of $35,000 and The Golden Rule Company quoted 1 sign with 2 sides, $23,000. Trustees discussed the adequacy of the current sign posts and electrical service, and they would like an opportunity to look at other signs in the area that Golden Rule has installed.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

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

 8:46 pm.

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Township Clerk

Approved: _____