

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

April 10, 2024

7:00 pm

**PRESIDING:** Supervisor Paul Hain

**PRESENT:** Trustees, Scott Freund, Kosta Iftica, Kara Lotz, Tracy Dickens, Assistant Supervisor Ron Kay

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Tammy Kay, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez

**ABSENT:** Assessor Patricia O'Neill

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

**ROLL CALL:** Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens, R. Kay and Hain were present, quorum established.

**MINUTES:** Freund moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting, March 20, 2024, seconded by Dickens and passed with unanimous voice vote.

Lotz moved to approve the closed session minutes of the Special Meeting, March 20, 2024, seconded by Hain and passed with unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL:** Hain gave the report. This is the end month of the budget year. Monies left over go in fund balance for next year's budget. Most accounts were under budget.

Township Warrant #24-4T in the amount of \$4,208.58 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Dickens and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

Road District Warrant #24-4R in the amount of \$7,437.51 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Hain, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Hain commented on the Annual Town Meeting held April 9, 2024. He was pleased with the attendance and felt it was the best meeting of his tenure.

**Road District:** Gumm reported work continues on the preservation of the antique road grader. He has done research and has found two that exist. One in a Washington state museum, and one in an Australian museum. He has reached out to both museums for more information.

There is hope to participate in the Spring Grove 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, possibly placing the antique grader on a trailer/float.

He stated he has received multiple calls about the condition of North Solon Rd near Hill Rd, at the site of a new solar farm. He has met with the company and feels they are doing the right thing regarding daily clean up, utilizing a street sweeper and a special driveway track. Monitoring will continue.

**Assessor:** absent

**Clerk:** T. Kay questioned the trustees regarding the board meeting that follows the Annual Town Meeting, if they want to change the regular board meeting to a later date or if they are fine with two meetings in a row. Hain suggested a permanent change, setting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. He believes it would be more effective regarding bill payments and financial reports. T. Kay asked for input before the December Annual Schedule of Regular Meetings Resolution is approved.

**Trustees:** Dickens asked for information regarding the solar farm being installed across from the township. Hain stated the project is 8 months behind schedule. Com Ed will at some point take the power lines under Rt. 31 and attach to pole on the west side of the roadway. He stated the panels will track the sun. Gumm said they are 1200-watt DC panels, and it is a different company than the N. Solon Rd. project and half the size.

**Senior Transportation:** Hain reported there were 79 rides given, with the majority going to the McHenry/Johnsburg area. 1340 miles were driven. The agreement to provide service to Hebron Township is going well.

**Cemetery:** R. Kay stated he is learning about cemetery duties and has been working with 2 families regarding the purchase of multiple lots.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hain stated the township budget is close to finishing, though not ready to present. There has been a lot of discussion with the new Assistant Supervisor.

Gumm presented the 2025 Fiscal Year Tentative Road Budget which includes budgeting for 3.5 miles of new paving. He explained the differences from the previous year with minor changes included. Fuel costs were low, due to the very mild winter, which also affected the salt costs, as an order has not been paid for and will roll over to the new year. There was discussion about the difficulties of obtaining employees and about pay scales and if they are competitive, which they are.

Iftica moved to accept the 2025 Fiscal Year Tentative Road Budget, seconded by Dickens and passed with unanimous voice vote. The tentative budget will be put on display for 30 days.

The semi-annual review of closed minutes was conducted. Iftica moved to open minutes dated 07/13/2021, # 49, seconded by Lotz and passed with unanimous voice vote.

The third Decennial Committee Meeting was held. Hain met with McHenry Board Member Pamela Altoff and asked for more details regarding the mandatory report. Altoff explained the State of Illinois has decided the county shall hold and store the reports. She explained the county is not reading the reports, only storing them for the State of Illinois in a designated room, in filing cabinets. Discussion ensued regarding finalizing the report. Dickens moved to nominate Kostian Iftica as the Chairman of the Decennial Committee, seconded by Hain and passed with majority voice vote. Iftica will update the report. Finalizing the report will be on the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Discussion of the township contributing frisbee golf or other type of contribution to a Village of Richmond Park or contributing to the McConnell Foundation.

Discussion of changing the sticker name on the Senior Transportation Bus was held.

**CLOSED SESSION:** none

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

8:40pm.

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Township Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_