

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL
September 14, 2022, 7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees, Tracy Dickens, Kostian Iftica, Kara Lotz

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

ABSENT: Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Trustee Scott Freund

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Hain, Dickens, Iftica and Lotz were present. Quorum established.

MINUTES: Iftica moved to approve the minutes of the regular August 10, 2022, meeting, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote. Iftica moved to approve the closed session minutes of July 13, 2022, minutes, seconded by Hain and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated the balances are ahead of the curve and right where they should be. He explained the Assessor's expenditures are higher in the summer due to field work and the accompanying paperwork. Gumm questioned line #531 of the General Rd & Bridge report. He stated since the amount of \$4,250.00 was not included in the warrant, the check could legally not be sent since it was not approved by the board. Hain vehemently stated this was discussed prior to the meeting and that it was agreed that the check would be held. Dickens asked about line #880 of the Building & Equipment report. Gumm stated it was for the new truck that has been on order since 2021.

Dickens made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Township Warrant #22-9T in the amount of \$12,010.66 was presented. Iftica moved to approve the payment, seconded by Dickens, and passed with Hain, Dickens, Iftica and Lotz, voting yes.

Road Warrant #22-9R in the audited amount of \$22,050.68 was presented. Iftica moved to approve payment, seconded by Lotz and passed with Hain, Dickens, Iftica and Lotz, voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A F.O.I.A. letter was received from Bob Anderson requesting salary information, expenditures, revenues, General Assistance, General Assistance bank balance and amount of people receiving assistance. A response will be mailed on Friday.

Reports:

Supervisor: Hain reported he has been working on the Levy. It does not need approval until December. However, it will need to be available for the public for 30 days inspection prior to approval. He hopes to have it finalized in November.

Road District: Gumm reported the F350 truck quote was \$47,980.00 originally supposed to be delivered in 2021, hopefully to be delivered in 2022. The 2021 price will be honored for the 2022 truck. He stated the Federal Government has implemented changes regarding requirements for CDL licensing. Drivers will now have to register with the Federal Clearinghouse and attend 160 hours of classroom and driving education. The Road District has been approved as a Federal Training Center for district drivers only. Gumm discussed snow removal plans for the upcoming winter. His plan includes the 2 large trucks to be used for the main roads and 2 smaller trucks used in the subdivisions, providing he has enough personnel. Dickens stated when a snow emergency is declared, anyone can be used for plowing regardless of the type of driver's license they have.

Assessor: Hain stated that hearings are done, and O'Neill has been attending continuing education classes.

Clerk: none

Trustees: Iftica reported he purchased a new domain name RTWP.org for the township. It is easy to place on the electronic sign. Hain handed out knit hats with the township insignia on them, to be worn at any events. Dickens stated the Village of Richmond has a new flag that was designed by his niece. It will be raised during the Sesquicentennial events this weekend.

Senior Transportation: Hain stated the final step in obtaining the Senior Services Grant is coming up. Hain, Lotz, and Gloria Kraft will be attending the interview. He said Kraft has been applying for a privately funded grant, Community Foundation Grant.

Cemetery Board: The William A. McConnell Foundation will be in the Richmond Cemetery, in costume, talking about the town founders buried there. This will take place during the Sesquicentennial events.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: The Santa & reindeer event is planned for December 10, 2022, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Deposits of \$1172.5 for the reindeer and \$349.00 for the Santa have been made. Discussion about the location of the event, whether a tent is needed or event inside, a chair and backdrop for Santa and if porta potties were needed. Santa could be inside the vestibule of the Richmond Burton High School. Benitez will contact Joe MacLachlan regarding Toys For Tots participating and the Richmond Food Pantry.

Public Comments: none

Closed Session: None

There was no other business. Lotz moved to adjourn, seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote 8:34 pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____