

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

October 11, 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, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez, Patty Slove

ABSENT: Road Commissioner Chris Gumm

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

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

MINUTES: Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular September 13, 2023, meeting, seconded by Dickens and passed with unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated percentages are where they should be this time of year. General Assistance has been been issuing small amounts. Senior Transportation will fall short based on the McHenry County Board's actions.

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

Township Warrant #23-10T in the amount of \$8,456.25 was presented. Hain moved to approve payment, seconded by Dickens and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

Road District Warrant #23-10R in the amount of \$44,256.88 was presented. Hain moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two thank you notes were received from Senior Transportation riders about the recent Lake Como/Mars Supper Club outing.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain explained the preliminary levy process. With approval, the November meeting will end the 30-day review process which allows changes to be made. The December meeting will be the hearing. The Senior Transportation Grant from the McHenry County Board will not be forthcoming. The levy will yield 5% which will replace the lost grant monies. He spoke to the Village of Richmond Clerk, Karla Thomas, about the Santa/Reindeer event. Difficulties with parking, logistics of the reindeer trailer

placement and other conflicts were discussed with the township board. He will notify Clerk Thomas of the decision to not participate in the village event.

Hain stated that Richmond Burton High School turned down the site request for the Santa/Reindeer event, due to a large wrestling event. He has created a plan to host the event on the township property, possibly utilizing auxiliary police to help with traffic control, placing Santa inside the township office, the trailer placed between the salt shed and township office.

Road District: none, Gumm absent

Assessor: O'Neill stated she is still handling real estate tax hearings. Surgipath will have a new building on the tax roles next year. She and Patty Slove have been compiling a mailing list for the township newsletter.

Clerk: Kay stated she has been to the McHenry County Clerk's Office to file the tax levies.

Trustees: Freund discussed costs associated with mailing a newsletter, printing, postage etc. Discussion ensued about the layout of the sample newsletter, when the garbage pickup advisory question needs to be placed onto the ballot, (received by the county clerk by December for the March ballot) and the steps in doing so.

Freund inquired if there are still problems with the township banking and stated he has been in contact with The State Bank of The Lakes. They would be happy to come to a meeting and speak about products they provide. This will be on the November agenda and Hain will contact the bank.

Senior Transportation: Hain gave the report. He said the McHenry County Board won't allocate any funds for transportation and wanted PACE to perhaps give a grant, which they nixed. There is \$50,000.00 in contingency on the report, but nothing has been stated what it will be for. He feels the grant is coming to an end. Discussion by the board about what happened at the McHenry County Grant Committee meeting and how to address the shortfall of funds.

There were 94 riders covering 819 miles last month. The Lake Como/Mars Resort outing was a success. The last band shell concert was cancelled due to weather.

Cemetery Board: This is the last month of the landscape contract. The Cemetery Board will have them pick up branches etc. as a fall cleanup. The vandalism culprits have not been found.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: More discussion of the proposed township newsletter. There are approximately 2300 addresses, cost of \$884 to print and cost for postage.

NEW BUSINESS: Location for the Santa/Reindeer event has been set at the Richmond Township Office and parking lot.

An amended budget for FY24 Richmond Township Road District was presented by Hain. Freund moved to put the FY24 Amended Richmond Township Road District on public display, seconded by Iftica and passed with unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

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

8:08pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____