

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL  
November 10, 2021  
7:00 pm

**PRESIDING:** Supervisor Paul Hain

**PRESENT:** Trustees, Scott Freund, Kosta Iftica, Kara Lotz

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Tammy Kay, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez

**ABSENT:** Trustee Mike Gullifor, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Assessor Patricia O'Neill

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

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

**MINUTES:** Iftica moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Freund, and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Hain presented the reports and balances. The funds are healthy and ok per Hain.

Town Warrant #21-11T in the audited amount of \$13,784.20 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Hain and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent.

Road Warrant #21-11R in the audited amount of \$25,767.17 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Hain received a letter from PACE stating they are thinking of expanding services. Hain will explain to PACE what services the township provides. Discussion of the McHenry County Senior Services Grant and its future plans ensued. The original voter's ballot question included senior transportation in its language, thus another ballot question would be required to abolish the grant monies.

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Hain stated he spoke to the auditor about the sign budget of \$18,000, yet the actual cost is \$23,000. The auditor advised it is okay to move monies from line #840 Vehicle Financing to line #820 Building. No board action is required as it is all capital outlay.

**Road District:** none

**Assessor:** none

**Clerk:** Kay stated research was done to determine when the Road District was formed. Per minutes of the April 2, 1850 meeting the first Commissioner was selected. She also gave a report on how granite/marble was moved for mausoleum purposes during the early 1900's and that the McConnell Mausoleum likely cost \$75,000-\$150,000 when originally built in 1904.

**Trustees:** Iftica stated the new website is up and running. Kay shared an email from TOI in regards to trustee emails and the inability to add them to the TOI website. Iftica stated he will look into new email addresses for all township official.

**Senior Transportation:** Hain reported the final cost for the Richardson Farm trip was \$656. The budget is in good shape because of the Equinox and the great gas mileage it gets and the bus is only used twice a week. The current cost per mile is \$3.36. Benitez presented the new brochure she created. Lotz reported on the grant process.

**Cemetery Board:** Don's Welding has removed the old and put up the new fence at Cedarvale Cemetery. Concrete was poured for the new posts and sections were welded into place. The final cost for the McConnell Mausoleum repairs was \$430.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Iftica moved to adopt FY2022 Road District Levy in the amount of \$617,943.00 seconded by Freund and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent. Iftica moved to adopt FY2022 Township Levy in the amount of \$299,434.00 seconded by Hain and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hain stated Adam Metz approached him about utilizing township property. The McConnell Foundation will be purchasing and restoring the old Depot Restaurant building and would like to place it on the north end of township property. The septic system and the Oak Savannah that was planted by the McHenry County Conservation District are located there. Freund suggested the building could be placed on the south side of the township building and used as the meeting room and additional offices could be built in the current meeting room. This could be done utilizing volunteers. Hain will speak to Metz and ask for the McConnell Foundation to speak to the township board about their plans and intentions.

Lotz moved to approve moving the Santa and reindeer event on 12/11/2021 from Scot Forge property to Richmond Burton High School lot. Freund seconded and passed with unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent.

Freund moved to approve additional funds for the Santa and reindeer event, to increase the budget to \$5000. Seconded by Hain and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent.

Discussion of details of the Santa and reindeer event ensued. Hain will order embroidered hats for township officials and 4x4 corrugated event signs. He will contact the Richmond Police Chief to possibly escort Santa in a squad car to the event. O'Neill will create flyers for the event. Gullifor will handle the event site contract, place event on the high school sign and fill in as needed. Benitez will coordinate Toys For Tots, Richmond Food Pantry and Sr. Transportation bus and handle Santa's Village contract. Lotz will order 4 Porta Potties and help with hot chocolate/cookie table. Freund will provide a generator, awning, trash cans, and fence posts for signs and fill in wherever needed. Iftica will reach out to O'Neill about flyers and placing on the township website, Richmond Grade, Spring Grove Grade and Nippersink Middle

School websites. He will enlist local residents for volunteering at the event. Kay and husband Ron, will keep the Santa line in orderly fashion and fill in wherever needed.

A special meeting will be held December 1, 2021 at 7:00 to discuss the Santa and reindeer event.

A gift from township members was presented to Lotz in celebration of her new baby.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**CLOSED SESSION:** none

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

9:18 pm.

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Township Clerk

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