

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING- RICHMOND TOWNSHIP

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 7:00 PM

7812 S. Rt 31, Richmond, IL

1. CALL TO ORDER: Township Clerk, Tammy Kay, called the meeting to order, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all, 7:01 pm. There were 9 electors present.
2. NOMINATE MODERATOR: Tammy Kay introduced herself and thanked all for attending. The floor was opened for nominations for Moderator. Paul Hain nominated Ron Erdmann. There were no other names offered and nominations were closed. Erdmann accepted the nomination.
3. MODERATOR OATH: Tammy Kay administered the Oath of Office to Erdmann, who assumed the chair.
4. APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Scott Freund moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Tracy Dickens. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. MOTION/VOTE FOR 2024 MEETING: Kostian Iftica moved to set April 9, 2024, 7:00 pm as the time for the 2024 meeting as prescribed by law. Seconded by Scott Freund, and passed by unanimous voice vote.
6. OFFICIAL'S INTRODUCTIONS: Ron Erdmann proceeded to introduce Township Supervisor Paul Hain.
7. ANNUAL REPORT: The attached Supervisor's Annual Report was verbally reviewed by Paul Hain. He explained the pie chart and stated the Trustees turn back their salaries. The bar chart shows the impact of costs on the township. He stated the real estate tax bills will be mailed soon and the township is the lowest taxing body on the tax bill. He gave a brief description of elected official's duties and stated he is open to ideas on how the township can do better. Ron Erdmann asked several questions of Paul Hain. The first regarding the township balances at the end of the fiscal year. Hain stated the balance at less than 50% of the annual budget. Next question was regarding investing township funds over the course of the fiscal year. Paul Hain stated the township does not have enough funds to invest. Last question asking if the supervisor has engaged stakeholders in

the development of a strategic plan. Paul Hain stated he has not. Most of the work done is driven by Illinois State Statute, including monthly bills.

Chris Gumm, Highway Commissioner, explained the attached Highway Commissioner's Annual Report. He stated the Road District did not exceed the tax cap for the levy. It was under 5%, at 4.5%. He reported the Road District has entered into the largest Intergovernmental Agreement during his role as Commissioner. It is with the Village of Richmond with paving of Hill Road. The village has 900' which will cost \$39,000 and the Road District portion, \$305,000. This contract is helping to develop a good working relationship with the Village of Richmond. He stated a good working relationship has been established with the Village of Spring Grove. Ron Erdmann then asked the same questions of Chris Gumm as earlier asked of Paul Hain. The first regarding the Road District balances at the end of the fiscal year. Chris Gumm stated it is difficult to tell because of the timeline of some contracts and future costs are unknown. Ron Erdmann commended Chris Gumm on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Richmond. Next question was regarding investing Road District funds over the course of the fiscal year. Chris Gumm stated the district is only receiving interest on savings accounts. Ron Erdmann recommended meeting with a financial advisor to discuss ladder CD's and Treasury Notes. He also mentioned creating another fund, a Capital Fund. Chris Gumm stated he will set a meeting with Paul Hain in regards to the suggestions. Last question asking if the commissioner has engaged stakeholders in the development of a strategic plan. Chris Gumm stated there is not a formal plan, but he does have projects for the next 3-4 years. He explained that every other year is designated to subdivision projects and then the next year to road projects.

8. VOTE TO ACCEPT ANNUAL REPORTS: Ron Erdmann thanked Paul Hain and Chris Gumm for their reports. Ron Kay moved to accept the Township Supervisor and Road Commissioner's Annual Reports, seconded by Scott Freund, and passed by unanimous voice vote.
9. FIRST MEETING OF THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT: Paul Hain explained new legislation. The State of Illinois is requiring an analysis and subsequent report of all aspects of township government. Kostian Iftica stated the first meeting must be before June

10,2023, with 18 months to analyze and create the report. He stated this legislation is not limited to townships, but all governing bodies. The meeting may be conducted during regular township board meetings.

10. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Paul Hain stated 8 new chairs will be ordered for the board table, with the current chairs going to the Road District. Chris Gumm has a 1994 hot box trailer for asphalt that he is seeking approval to sell. Iftica moved to approve to surplus the chairs and trailer, seconded by Freund and passed with unanimous voice vote.
11. OTHER DISCUSSION/COMMENTS: Scott Freund stated he hoped that more public would have attended the meeting. He mentioned the unified garbage service through McHenry County would be cheaper for residents and would do less damage to the township roads with less trucks using them. Chris Gumm said the township could choose to join with the county or the township could handle the bidding process and subsequent hiring itself. Approximately 10 trucks a day, that are overweight, would then be 1 truck a day. Paul Hain stated the board could choose either option, though a non-binding question on the ballot would be best. The McHenry County Clerk's office would advise how and when to place on the ballot.
12. ADJOURN: There was no other business. Kara Lotz moved to adjourn, seconded by Scott Freund, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

7:43 pm

Tammy Kay  
Richmond Township Clerk

Ron Erdmann  
Moderator

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