

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

December 13, 2023

7:00 pm

**PRESIDING:** Supervisor Paul Hain

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

**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 7:01 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. He added "closed session minutes of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for review and approval".

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

**MINUTES:** Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular November 8, 2023, meeting, seconded by Dickens and passed with unanimous voice vote. Iftica moved to approve the special meeting minutes of November 15, 2023, seconded by Freund, and passed with unanimous voice vote. Iftica moved to approve the closed session minutes of November 8, 2023, seconded by Lotz and passed with unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**RICHMOND TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT 2023 LEVY HEARING:** No public attendees. Hain presented the Township Levy of \$334,798.00. Motion to adopt will be done under unfinished business. Hearing for the Township closed.

Gumm presented the Road District Levy of \$656,908.00 and stated it was unchanged from last month. Motion to adopt will be done under unfinished business. Hearing for the Road District closed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Hain presented the reports and balances. All of the tax monies are in, budget looks good. Senior Transportation had 3 payrolls in the month.

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

Township Warrant #23-12T in the amount of \$10,114.63 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

Road District Warrant #23-12R in the amount of \$5,403.98 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Dickens, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Two thank you cards were received from Senior Transportation riders that participated in the Christmas light trip to Pewaukee, WI. Pictures of the event were in the correspondence folder.

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Hain invited the Board and Road District to a holiday luncheon held at the Township office on December 21, 2023 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

**Road District:** Gumm reported many new laws are taking effect January 1, 2024, several which will affect his department. Some examples; bike trail signs will need to be installed and beaver dams are allowed to be controlled, (if in road right ways). The salt brine system has been installed on the red truck. The Palatine Township has generously allowed the free use of their brine maker and tank, as they are no longer using that system. Gumm will probably make an offer to purchase at season's end. He stated that the weather has been mild and preventative/longevity maintenance is being done. He passed out drawings of the proposed new salt shed. The hope is to apply for building permits at the beginning of the new year. Gumm informed the board of a letter received from the Village of Richmond about the intergovernmental agreement regarding grass mowing. The Village is terminating the agreement. A new mower for the township grass cutting may cost \$4-5,000.00. He is hoping to find parts for a non-running mower already owned by the Road District. The Hill Road paving project has most repairs completed. The project will remain open as McHenry County is assessing fines/final bill and to make sure no other defects are detected. There continues to be debris on Hill Road and North Solon Road from pranksters. Signs cautioning debris on the road have been installed and local/county police are involved.

**Assessor:** absent

**Clerk:** none

**Trustees:** Iftica has new Gmail accounts set up. He shared data regarding website use. Hain stated the Decennial Committee report will be addressed and completed at the January 10th, 2024 meeting. He thanked everyone that helped at the Santa/Reindeer event. It was a very successful endeavor with many comments about the low-key environment and folks enjoying that atmosphere. There were approximately 100 visitor per hour. Lots of toys, food and cash were collected for the Toys for Tots program and food pantry. Notes were taken for next year's event suggestions.

**Senior Transportation:** Hain gave the report. He stated there were 61 rides covering 1002 miles given last month. With most rides going to the McHenry/Johnsburg area. Hain said a letter was sent to the Burton Township Board regarding their signed contract of April, 2023 which included immediate payment for senior transportation. Burton Township has not met their financial obligation.

**Cemetery Board:** none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Freund moved to adopt the Richmond Township Tax Levy Ordinance 2023-2 in the amount of \$334,798.00, seconded by Iftica and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

Freund moved to adopt the Richmond Road District Tax Levy Ordinance 2023-2 in the amount of \$656,908.00, seconded by Hain and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and Hain voting yes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dickens moved to approve Resolution 2023-3 “Annual Schedule of Regular Meetings” as presented, seconded by Iftica and passed with unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**CLOSED SESSION:** none

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

8:12pm.

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Township Clerk

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