

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

August 10, 2022

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

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

ABSENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Assessor Patricia O'Neill

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

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

MINUTES: Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular July 13, 2022, meeting, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. Lotz asked about the insurance payment for the stolen catalytic converter on the bus. Hain stated the check was received and Richmond Motors was paid for repair services. She clarified her question in regards to TOIRMA and refund of unused insurance. Hain felt the claim was not significant and should not impact the refund.

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

Town Warrant #22-8T in the audited amount of \$5,368.09 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica and passed with Dickens, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

Road Warrant #22-8R in the audited amount of \$22,902.27 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Dickens, and passed with Dickens, Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from River Ridge Church, Spring Grove was received with a \$1,000 donation to be used for General Assistance. A notice was received in regards to Walgreens wanting to change their assessed tax value.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain stated that it he has been focused on writing the Senior Services Grant. He has requested \$62,500 and has been receiving about \$15-20,000 the past few years. The grant request will be turned in by September 9,2022.

Road District: Gumm reported that an email was sent to the trustees in regards to the accident with the light pole in front of the Road District building. He will be contacting TOIRMA regarding a claim. The asphalt patching is done. He stated he is looking to buy a replacement trailer with a hydraulic dump and slide out. It will replace the old trailer. He said he is working with the State of Illinois and McHenry County on a project slated for 2027 regarding a turn lane installed at Rt. 173 and Lakeview Dr.

Assessor: absent, Hain stated the assessments have been published.

Clerk: none

Trustees: Freund attended the August 4, 2022 meeting of McHenry County Transportation. The meeting had many representatives from McHenry County Division of Transportation, McHenry County Senior Services, City of McHenry, City of Crystal Lake, Metra and more. Director of McHenry County Division of Transportation, Scott Henning, stated \$3 ride vouchers are available and Richmond Township can pick them up and distribute to township riders. The overall belief is that McRide and Richmond Township Senior Transportation are duplicating services, and grant money shouldn't be used for duplicate services. The name of the township service should be changed and then the commission is more likely to award higher grant monies. Discussion ensued regarding the different type of service the township provides, regarding helping riders on/off the bus, carrying bags to the door. Freund stated the McRide drivers need to stay in sight of the bus and are able to provide the same service. Lotz mentioned that riders view a trip to Walmart as a social event. Freund feels we can provide more social events if we changed our name and services. Iftica asked if donations to the township were tax deductible and that an option to donate could be put on the website. Hain advised checking with the auditor about that option. Dickens stated donations have been given to his department and the mayor writes a personal thank you that is proof of the donation. Benitez stated she has called McRide for a township senior and was denied the service.

Senior Transportation: Freund stated the next transportation meeting is November 3, 2022, 2:00 pm at the McHenry County Administration Building. He stated the township will be invited to the meeting.

Cemetery Board: Hain reported there are anomalies at Richmond Cemetery, sections, 3,6,8. This is the old section of the cemetery where some graves have headstones and some have footstones. Also, aisleways were left out of the planning of grave placements. Nothing can be done to change this, but it makes it difficult figuring out which lots are available and which have remains. Cedarvale Cemetery has the same issues. It requires visiting the cemetery with a probe to try and determine if it is vacant. The hope is to have the cemeteries digitized in the near future. Hain stated a McConnell descendent from New York contacted him in regards to ordering a monument stone. Interesting history was shared by both parties. He stated a Civil War memorial was found in the brush at the Richmond Cemetery. It was cleaned up and placed on the proper gravesite. There are quite a few Civil War memorials in the cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none.

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

8:30pm

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By Tammy Kay

Township Clerk

Approved: _____