

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

June 9, 2021

7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez

ABSENT: Mike Gullifor

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

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

MINUTES: Lotz moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting, seconded by Freund, and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent. Hain moved to approve the closed session minutes of the May 12, 2021 minutes, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent. Freund moved to approve the special meeting minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting, seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent. Lotz moved to approve the closed session minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting, seconded by Iftica and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. Freund questioned what is considered typical amount of funding in the General Assistance Fund. Hain stated that 2020 was a novel year due to Covid 19. Lotz asked about the charge card fees and problems. Hain explained the accounts are not government accounts with 90-day grace periods, but are regular consumer accounts. They will be closed and government accounts will be opened. Freund moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Iftica. Passed with unanimous voice vote. Gullifor was absent.

Road Warrant #21-6R in the audited amount of \$18,962.19 was presented. Freund moved to approve payment, seconded by Lotz and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent.

Town Warrant #21-6T in the audited amount of \$28,417.31 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent.

Lotz made a motion to approve \$806.66 payment from the Permanent Road Fund, seconded by Freund and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent.

Lotz made a motion to approve \$42.00 payment from the General Road Fund, seconded by Iftica and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz and Hain voting yes. Gullifor was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE: An invitation was received from Hartland Township, for the celebration of the Road Commissioner's retirement.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Hain explained the Senior Services Grant Commission (SSGC) application and the process entailed. Grant money should be distributed in late August. He explained 5 years ago the grant money was \$70,000 and the past 4 years it has been much less. The Township has lost over \$100,000. Solutions are needed to continue funding the Senior Transportation Department. The service has about 60 riders and completes approximately 125 trips a month. Lotz offered her help with the grant process. O'Neill suggested taking several riders to the grant interview.

Road District: Gumm reported that the 1.3-mile Clark Road paving project is complete. The free road grindings from the State of Illinois Rt. 12 project have been processed and used for shoulder work at no cost. He stated the McHenry Township has a grinder/sifter which aided in the processing. Gumm stated the subdivision near Lakeview and Stateline Rd. has damage to one road from overweight vehicles. It is partially closed and he is working on the most cost-effective way to fix the problem. He welcomed the new Trustees and invited them to visit the Road District Office any time.

Assessor: O'Neill stated there has been an \$11 million increase in assessed value in the Township. She listed several new businesses, business owners and a large addition to manufacturing that will bring new jobs. She stated that instead of T-shirts for her employees, she purchased safety vests. They should last longer and have better visibility. She invited the Trustees to visit her office at her home.

Clerk: none

Trustees: none

Senior Transportation: Hain reported holding off on trading the Traverse for a new vehicle. Covid shut downs have caused a computer chip shortage and vehicles are currently overpriced. He stated he will be attending the Burton Township July meeting to discuss the Senior Transportation program. They will be voting on whether to continue participating in the program. Benitez stated funding ideas are needed. O'Neill suggested selling advertising signage for the bus and sending letters to township residents and businesses explaining the funding shortage and asking for help.

Cemetery Board: Freund stated he will be surveying the mausoleum to form a possible plan of action. Hain stated 6 graves have been sold last month and 5 funerals held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

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

8:12 pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____