

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

August 12, 2020 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees Mike Gullifor, Kara Lotz, Bob Roth,

Marge Stermer

ALSO PRESENT: Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Absent: Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Clerk Tammy Kay

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, Roth, Stermer were present. Quorum established.

MINUTES: Stermer moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting, seconded by Gullifor and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Domenella and Jack Caskill spoke to the board about planting pollinator plants north of the township building in a 15' x 15' patch. Stermer asked about potential costs to the township. Domenella stated no costs other than water used to establish plants. Board gave approval for the project.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balance. The budget is right where it should be for this time of year.

Road Warrant #20-8R in the audited amount of \$44,167.16 was presented. Stermer moved to approve payment, seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, Roth, and Stermer voting yes.

Town Warrant #20-8T in the audited amount of \$27,238.80 was presented. Gullifor moved to approve payment, seconded by Lotz and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, Roth, and Stermer voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gullifor summarized information regarding holding the Annual Town Meeting. The Covid-19 disaster declaration must be lifted by the Governor and permission granted by the Health Department and then the meeting can be held 3 weeks after. The board decided to postpone the meeting until the disaster declaration has been lifted.

Reports:

Supervisor: Hain advised the board that the Senior Transportation full grant will be filed on the 21st and by mid-September, notification of any grant monies will be made. Hain stated that Andy Geryol resigned from the Cemetery Board effective August 14, 2020. He stated that the Illinois State Statute allows the Supervisor to appoint Cemetery Board members and the subsequent board elects officers. Roth asked if the Cemetery Board could be made a committee instead of a board. Hain responded that nothing in the law says you must appoint cemetery board members, but the law doesn't allow to dissolve the cemetery board. Hain plans to write a Cemetery Board manual and will consult attorney in regards to Township Board Trustees filling roles of Cemetery Board.

At this point in the meeting, George Roach of GRA Accounting phoned in to the meeting to give an explanation of the Financial Audit. A motion was made by Stermer to approve the audit, seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Highway Commissioner: Chris Gumm reported the Glenrich Subdivision resurfacing project is finished. The Road District purchased a 2020 1 ton, Ford 350 truck with a 10' plow. He stated they have been very busy with storm cleanup in the past 36 hours and have removed 15 trees. August 17 & 18 they will collect branches from home owners in the district. He also stated that if anyone would like wood chips, the district will bring a truckload and dump in a driveway.

Assessor: Hain stated that O'Neill will be extending the deadline to discuss assessments with the public.

Clerk: none

Trustees: Stermer questioned why the Assessor's vehicle was not parked at the Township Building on weekends as originally agreed upon.

Senior Transportation: Hain stated he contacted the bus company regarding buying out the lease on the bus. Last year the buyout cost was \$14,000, this year it is \$34,000. He will ask about extending the lease another year.

Unfinished Business: Stermer made a motion to accept Adam Metz's resignation from the Township Board, seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gullifor made a motion to accept Don May's resignation from the Cemetery Board, seconded by Stermer and passed by unanimous voice vote. Stermer made a motion to accept Bruce Adams' resignation from the Cemetery Board, seconded by Gullifor and passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business: Gullifor made a motion to accept Andy Geryol's resignation from the Cemetery Board, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote. Stermer made a motion to approve the application for FY2021 Senior Service Grant Commission Competitive Grant for the Richmond-Burton Senior Transportation Program, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote. Discussion ensued about the \$100 monthly stipend for Township Trustees, especially regarding the recent appointments of Gullifor and Lotz. Roth stated salaries for elected officials are established in November prior to the election. Discussion tabled until November. Roth made a motion to designate Blackhawk Bank as the depository for the Richmond Township Cemetery Board, seconded by Lotz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments: Adam Metz explained his resignation of Township Trustee was because he did not want any conflict of interest with the Cemetery Board and the Township. He wants to devote his time solely to fixing the Cemetery Board problems.

Closed Session: none

There was no other business. Stermer moved to adjourn, seconded by Hain and passed by unanimous voice vote. 9:13 pm

Township Clerk

Approved: _____