

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL
January 13, 2021 7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

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

ABSENT: Trustee Marge Stermer, Assessor Patricia O’Neill

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

MINUTES: Gullifor moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting, seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Taylor Gaylor was introduced as an interested future township member. Currently building a home on Clark Rd and would like to be involved in the township once settled.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated funds have been delayed due to Covid-19. Roth asked why the bus lease is still in the Transportation budget. Hain explained it has been paid totally and there is not a lease, but the line item has to stay in the budget. Lotz moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Gullifor. Passed with unanimous voice vote.

Road Warrant #21-1R in the audited amount of \$67,422.02 was presented. Gullifor moved to approve payment, seconded by Hain and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent.

Town Warrant #21-1T in the audited amount of \$20,899.51 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent.

Gullifor moved to approve a transfer of \$3,000 from the General Township Fund to the General Assistance Fund, seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

Reports:

Supervisor: Hain reported that General Assistance has just added two more long term clients. He stated he was glad for the transfer of funds to the General Assistance Fund. Hain reported that Ron Kay

recently fixed the ballasts in the boardroom and received a grant to replace the current Township light fixtures with LED fixtures and bulbs. Kay will donate his labor to replace the fixtures.

Road District: Gumm reported the salt contract is complete. The Road District has received or are in the process of receiving half of the total contracted purchase. YTD salt expenses are on track. Next year's paving project will be Clark Road. Approximately 1.3 miles will be ground down to the base, improving the base and installing new pavement. Com Ed will be doing a project that spans from Rt. 31 to Spring Grove on West and East Solon Roads.

Assessor: Hain stated it is quiet in the office, March will start the busy season.

Clerk: Kay stated there were no new candidate filings other than the current office holders.

Trustees: No report

Senior Transportation: Hain reported that MCRide is expanding their coverage. Gullifor read the pamphlet online and stated the closest pick-up spot is the entrance to Chain O' Lakes State Park. MCRide is not limited to seniors; any age can ride. Hain stated that the Rotary Club will be doing the annual spaghetti dinner this year with delivery instead of dine-in, scheduled the 2nd week of February. The township will help with delivery.

Cemetery Board: Benitez reported that Steve Wilkins, recently sworn in cemetery board member, has been in the office every day going through every file, death certificate, etc. alphabetizing and organizing and bringing the files up to date. Hain stated that one Cemetery Board member will need to be licensed per Illinois law.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Hain stated the Village of Richmond was intending to sell Memorial Hall, but after much interest from the public to save it, created a committee to consider options. Scott Drabant, committee appointee, contacted Hain to gauge interest in a possible senior center. Roth stated it would be better for the township not to be involved in a village owned building. Gullifor agreed.

Public Comments: Gaylor asked what the village does differently from the township. Hain explained some history of township government and Gumm explained different services.

Closed Session: None

There was no other business. Lotz moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gullifor and passed by unanimous voice vote 8:10 pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____