

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL
September 11, 2024
7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Ron Kay

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Administrative Assistant Diana Benitez, Bridgette Saunders

ABSENT: Highway Commissioner Chris Gumm

R. Kay called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all and a moment of silence in remembrance of those lost on September 11, 2001.

ROLL CALL: Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens, R. Kay were present, quorum established.

MINUTES: T. Kay explained 2 corrections made to the August 14, 2024 minutes after emailed out. Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular August 14, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Iftica, and approved with unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL: R. Kay presented the reports and balances. He explained approximately \$2,100.00, in interest, for 14 days has been earned since most banking accounts were moved to State Bank of the Lakes. He stated the checking accounts will be moved after tax dollars have been received from the county. Iftica moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Lotz and passed with unanimous voice vote.

T. Kay apologized for a typographical error on the agenda regarding the numbering of the warrants and amounts were under the opposite category.

Township Warrant #24-9T in the amount of \$3,270.48 was presented. Dickens moved to approve payment, seconded by Freund and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and R. Kay voting yes.

Road District Warrant #24-9R in the amount of \$27,364.00 was presented. Iftica moved to approve payment, seconded by Dickens, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and R. Kay voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: a letter received from the U.S. Government regarding civil unrest towards elected officials, statement regarding interest earned, 2024 Financial Audit.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: R. Kay stated he has had discussion with local scouting groups regarding public service in the cemeteries for scouts to earn badges. Scrubbing headstones, sweeping off bases, and picking up garbage are being considered. The older scout groups may undertake building benches for the Richmond Cemetery. The idea was enthusiastically received.

Road District: Gumm was absent. Bridgette Saunders gave the report. She stated the new garage is underway with delivery of the building due Monday. She stated the Village of Spring Grove loaned the Road District a machine that uses hot tar for filling road cracks. The concrete in front of the building is done and looks nice. She stated the insurance companies involved in the accident at the entrance to the Road District, Progressive (driver's company), and TOIRMA, (Road District's company) will not cover the damage as the driver was not covered by either at the time of the incident. Saunders stated additional brine tanks were recently delivered and two hundred tons of salt were ordered. There is approximately 1,200 tons currently in the salt shed. Usually, 200 tons of salt is used, however, mild winters have made it unnecessary.

Assessor: O'Neill stated residential sales have been flat. She stated houses on the market are not selling. She said she will be involved in upcoming Industrial and Commercial hearings.

Clerk: none

Trustees: none

Senior Transportation: R. Kay reported there were 72 rides given, 1,123 miles driven, with a cost per mile of \$2.91, with Johnsburg/McHenry being the most frequent destination accounting for 41 of those rides.

Cemetery: R. Kay stated work has started on repairing broken headstones. There are several foundations that are failing that will be fixed also. There will be a new mausoleum coming from Pittsburgh, PA, that will cover 10 grave sites.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Kay presented the Richmond Township Clerk's Office Nominating Petitions-Apparent Conformity Policy. She explained the reasons for adopting the policy. Freund moved to adopt the Nominating Petitions-Apparent Conformity Policy, seconded by Dickens and passed with unanimous voice vote.

R. Kay presented informational sheets he prepared from discussion with other township supervisors and research. One chart explains McHenry County Townships pay scales and other benefits. He stated McHenry Township is now full-time. A set of 3 pages were compiled of McHenry County townships that are similar to Richmond Township in population, area, and highway miles, as it is difficult to compare to larger townships such as Algonquin and McHenry. Previous salary resolutions were requested by Lotz, with discussion about previous amounts approved. O'Neill stated she is the only full-time assessor, with many townships assessor's working for multiple townships. T. Kay stated she has kept track of her hours and duties and feels she is fairly compensated for the position. She stated she is filling the Clerk position as a civic duty and

believes funds would be better used for Senior Services and directed towards a future building office addition. Iftica presented research he made comparing salaries from comparable townships.

After considering board schedules, R. Kay stated a special meeting will be set for September 25, 2024, 7:30 pm to discuss setting elected official salaries, which will be approved at the regular October 9th, 2024 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

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

8:20pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____