

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL

August 14, 2024

7:00pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Ron Kay

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

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

ABSENT: Assessor Patricia O'Neill

R. Kay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

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

PRESENTATION FROM STATE BANK OF THE LAKES: Four bank representatives, Kenda Buxton, Jacqueline Boland, Amy Briles and Shannon Devinger gave a presentation. They each explained their roles at the State Bank of the Lakes, their background and experience. A Powerpoint presentation and handout, explained interest rates, FDIC insurance, fraud prevention, bank assets and fees. Discussion about current rates and a comparison chart to the current bank, Chase Bank, and their current rates and fees ensued. Trustees had several questions which were answered satisfactorily.

MINUTES: Freund moved to approve the minutes of the regular July 10th, 2024 meeting, seconded by Lotz and passed with unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Kay presented the reports and balances. Accounts are doing well.

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

Township Warrant #24-8T in the amount of \$4,603.64 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Dickens and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and R. Kay voting yes.

Road District Warrant #24-8R in the amount of \$53,644.65 was presented. Lotz moved to approve payment, seconded by Iftica, and passed with Freund, Iftica, Lotz, Dickens and R. Kay voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: An email from the McHenry County Senior Services Grant Committee was received, stating the Township was not invited to further pursue the grant monies. A copy of a check received from Northwestern Memorial, which was a grant for Senior Transportation, was received.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: R. Kay reported he is creating a brochure for Assessor O'Neill's office to distribute to new home/business owners within the township. He stated it was an easy, pleasant process to apply for the Northwestern Memorial Grant and that they advised him to reapply in February for additional funds. He reiterated that the McHenry County Senior Services Grant Committee denied the township, however Gloria Craft is working on several grants that may produce a new bus. He requested the board trustees to take the OMA online training/test and provide a copy of the completion certificate to the Clerk for the files. He is currently working with a company to provide a reflective, shatterproof film for the vestibule door, along with informational signage. He stated at the next meeting there will be discussion of elected official salaries, as state law requires, they are to be set 180 days prior to taking office for the new term. R. Kay stated he has been posting new things on the LED sign and the Township website. He recently renewed the website domain for 9 years.

Road District: Commissioner Gumm reported the last day for his summer helper, Hailey, is approaching, after which she will be joining the Navy. He wishes her the best of success. Gumm stated there have been complaints/concerns about people fishing from bridges located in the township. He is working on the issue. He said approximately 9,500 pounds of crack tar was used on Keystone Road and Miller Road. He has been utilizing the McHenry County Sheriff's Road Crew Program and working with the Village of Spring Grove on grass cutting projects. He discussed an incident with his crew and an angry driver that happened last week. He provided video from Road District vehicles showing the confrontational man, along with his license plate. The McHenry County Sheriff's Department is handling an investigation. Gumm showed a video from the Road District Office building showing a semi-truck accident that happened in the Road District driveway. The culvert, concrete and asphalt were damaged and a claim has been opened with the vehicle owner's insurance company.

Assessor: absent. R. Kay said O'Neill wanted the board to know there have been 63 real estate assessment complaints of which 55 have been resolved so far. 8 will be going to hearings.

Clerk: T. Kay stated she attended Local Election Authority (LEO) training held by the McHenry County Clerk's Office. She stated 2025 Candidate Packets are available on the information table in the office. The petition circulation dates are earlier, starting August 20-November 18, 2024, with an earlier filing date of November 12- November 18, 2024. The Consolidated Election will be held April 1, 2025. She explained important rules regarding getting notarizations from somewhere other than the township office, such as the library, bank or village hall. Also, that petitions are to be circulated by the candidate only and the importance of not filling out the Candidate Packet or to sign petitions at the township building. She stated 2 websites with additional information is included in the packet along with the number of signatures required on the petition.

Trustees: Freund asked about the OMA training. Discussion was had about the difficulties with registering, but once registered it is an easy and understandable process to complete.

Senior Transportation: R. Kay reported there were 85 rides given, 1377 miles driven with a cost per mile of \$3.42, with Johnsburg/McHenry being the most frequent destination accounting for 54 of those rides. The costs increased this month as there are 2 months of fuel billed and costs for mechanical service to the bus. A lifter and faulty springs were replaced. The bus drives and sounds wonderful now.

Cemetery Board: R. Kay stated things are still busy. They have been locating family plots for the multiple inquiries received. Paul Hain and R. Kay are planning to repair many older broken headstones using a framing and drilling process. R. Kay has contacted local scout troops regarding potential clean up days at the cemeteries and possible Eagle Scout projects regarding benches and plaques at the Richmond Cemetery. The Cemetery Board has met with a surveyor to plot a mass grave located in Richmond Cemetery, so that it can be included on the cemetery map.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: R. Kay stated the Senior Service Grant process denied the Township any funds.

NEW BUSINESS: The presentation from State Bank of the Lakes was given at the beginning of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CLOSED SESSION: none

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

8:24pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____