

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL
March 10, 2021 7:00 pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

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

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

MINUTES: Roth moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting, seconded by Hain, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Parker Johnson was introduced by Patricia O'Neill. He is a resident of Spring Grove and interested in becoming a trustee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. He stated there is 1 month left in the fiscal year budget. Stermer moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Roth. Passed with unanimous voice vote.

Road Warrant #21-3R in the audited amount of \$34,948.55 was presented. Stermer moved to approve payment, seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, Roth and Stermer voting yes.

Town Warrant #21-3T in the audited amount of \$17,898.97 was presented. Gullifor moved to approve payment, seconded by Roth, and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, Roth, and Stermer voting yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commonwealth Edison sent a congratulatory letter on the Township's participation in the Energy Efficiency Program. A thank you letter, and certificate was received from the U.S. 2020 Census Bureau. A thank you card was received from the Richmond/Spring Grove Rotary Club for coordinating and picking up spaghetti dinners for the local seniors. A letter to township vendors will be sent out regarding late fees.

Reports:

Supervisor: Hain reported that there has been some activity with the General and Emergency Assistance.

Road District: Gumm reported he has drafted an IGA with Spring Grove Village for the painting of roadway lines for East Solon and South Solon Rds. Total cost of \$6000 with about \$1700 being reimbursed by Spring Grove Village. He stated the Clark Road project is moving forward. Signage will go up ahead of the project.

Assessor: O'Neill stated that the market is improving. There have been 15 new construction permits and 5 new pool permits pulled.

Clerk: none

Trustees: Stermer stated she has asked the Richmond/Spring Grove Rotary Club to consider a donation to the Senior Transportation program.

Senior Transportation: Hain reported that the township may be able to start up a modified program, of using the cars for dr. visits etc. Disinfectant, thermo scan thermometers and hand sanitizer have been purchased in preparation. Drivers are in the process of receiving the Covid 19 vaccination. Benitez will monitor forehead temperatures of drivers and drivers will monitor riders.

Cemetery Board: Hain reported Steve Wilkins has been going through additional files recently dropped off by Bruce Adams. He has been creating a data base and cross-referencing numerous files.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Hain stated it is the decision of the township whether to have an Annual Town Meeting. The emergency declaration by the Governor of Illinois still has not been lifted. Gullifor made a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting resolution, seconded by Lotz and passed with unanimous voice vote. Gullifor moved to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda as amended, adding "Declaration of Surplus Equipment". Seconded by Hain and passed with unanimous voice vote.

Discussion ensued about resuming the Senior Transportation program. Stermer would like the township attorney asked about the legalities in requiring Covid 19 vaccinations of riders. Hain discussed the costs associated with using a partially filled bus and the need for more funds for the program. Gullifor suggested discussion with local county representatives regarding the Senior Transportation Grant. Stermer moved to resume Senior Transportation with restrictions, seconded by Lotz and passed with unanimous voice vote.

Hain presented the Village of Spring Grove Economic Incentive Abatement Proposal. O'Neill would like to see more specifications in the proposal. Gullifor stated it is open ended and imposes additional burdens on government entities, Lotz spoke to local constituents and it is not favorably received. Gumm believes Spring Grove will realize gains while the other government bodies will not. Roth stated he is against it. Gullifor made a motion to approve the Village of Spring Grove Economic Incentive Abatement Proposal, seconded by Stermer, with unanimous voice vote of "No".

Hain recognized and thanked individuals for their township service. Marge Stermer: 12 years Trustee, Bob Roth: 11 years Trustee, Kate Hellmann: 6 years Clerk, and Connie Gradt : 12 years Trustee.

Gumm stated he has surplus equipment, a Dodge truck and an F150 truck. Hain stated the 2013 Traverse of the Senior Transportation Program will be available. A description and terms will be written for the Annual Town Meeting.

Public Comments: none

Closed Session: None

There was no other business. Gullifor moved to adjourn. Seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote 9:02 pm.

Township Clerk

Approved: _____