

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. RT31 RICHMOND, IL
May 13, 2020 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees Adam Metz, Marge Stermer ABSENT:

Bob Roth

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

Hain called the online (zoom.com) meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hain, Metz, Stermer were present. Roth was unable to logon. Quorum established.

MINUTES: Stermer moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting, seconded by Hain and passed by voice unanimous vote. Roth was absent. Metz moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Rescheduled March 25, 2020 meeting, seconded by Stermer and passed by unanimous voice vote. Roth was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances for March and April. The General Assistance fund has more demand, otherwise the budget has a healthy balance. Stermer moved to approve the report, seconded by Metz and passed with Hain, Metz, and Stermer voting yes. Roth was absent.

Road Warrant #20-5R in the audited amount of \$13,791.83 was presented. Metz moved to approve payment, seconded by Stermer and passed with Hain, Metz, Stermer voting yes. Roth was absent.

Town Warrant #20-5T in the audited amount of \$24,991.22 was presented. Metz moved to approve payment, seconded by Stermer and passed with Hain, Metz, Stermer voting yes. Roth was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters of Resignation were received from Clerk Kate Hellmann, Trustee Connie Gradt, Cemetery Board Members Bruce Adams and Don May. Hain moved to accept resignations, seconded by Stermer and passed with Hain, Metz, Stermer voting yes. Roth was absent.

Reports:

Supervisor: Hain is looking at different ideas for funding the General Assistance fund. He has met with Burton Township Supervisor John Flood looking at options in regards to the cancelling of the McHenry Township assistance contract, possible sharing training, licensure/software and duties with another Township.

Road District: Gumm reported operations were suspended awhile due to Covid-19. After securing face masks and hand sanitizer for employees, they are now back to work. He stated that 2 North Solon Rd. culverts will be replaced and a contract has been signed with McHenry County to repair the bridge on W. Solon Rd.

Assessor: O'Neill told of securing a truckload of food for the pantry, including turkeys, hot dogs, sausage and more. She is hoping to duplicate the effort next month.

Clerk: No report

Trustee: No report

Senior Transportation: Shopping and essentials are being provided to seniors. There are no trips due to Covid-19.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Hain, Metz, and O'Neill will be temporary Cemetery Board Members. Stermer expressed the importance of being legally sound with these changes and would like legal representation at a future meeting for direct discussion with counsel. Hain has spoken to the Township attorney and found that the Township owns the cemeteries, the board was created around 1950, an active board is not necessary per Illinois law. Vacancies for the Cemetery Board will be posted.

Hain presented the 2020-2021 General Town Budget of \$262,450.00, explaining that the General Assistance Fund was hit hard this year and the Transportation Program is the biggest financial challenge. Stermer made a motion to accept the tentative General Town Budget to display to the public for 30 days, seconded by Metz, and passed with Hain, Metz, and Stermer voting yes. Roth was absent.

Hain presented the 2020-2021 General Road District Budget of \$178,050.00, the Permanent Road Fund of \$646,400.00 and the Equipment and Building Fund of \$131,500.00. Stermer moved to accept the budgets to display to the public for 30 days, seconded by Metz, and passed with Hain, Metz, and Stermer voting yes. Roth was absent.

Discussion ensued about a new bus with wheelchair lift and how the Senior Transportation is a unique program in McHenry County and more monies are needed for operations. Hain will write a letter of intent to Senior Services for grants.

Public Comments: None

Closed Session: None

There was no other business. Stermer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Metz and passed by unanimous voice vote 8:31 p.m. page 2

Approved:

Township Clerk
