

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7812 S. Rt 31 Richmond, IL

August 14, 2019 7:00 PM

**PRESIDING:** Trustee Marge Stermer

**PRESENT:** Trustees Connie Gradt, Adam Metz, Bob Roth

**ABSENT:** Supervisor Paul Hain

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Kate Hellmann, Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Road District Commissioner Chris Gumm

Trustee Stermer, presiding in Hain's absence, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Roll Call:** Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer were present. Hain was absent from the meeting.

**Presentations:** Stermer introduced Gary Lang, a 41 year resident of the Township who has been a friend of Richmond Township for many of those years. Mr. Lang, owner of Gary Lang Auto Group, McHenry has been very generous to the Senior Transportation Program, providing various vehicles and maintaining them at no charge. Stermer presented a plaque and expressed the gratitude of the residents, in particular the seniors who benefit from his generosity.

Next O'Neill introduced Riley Fritz, who has served as seasonal help in the assessor's office. Along with Fritz, she introduced his mother and siblings and the rest of her team, expressing her pride in the work they all contribute. She read a letter of recommendation for Riley and wished him luck in his law enforcement career.

Stermer requested and Metz moved to call a 15 minutes recess to view a slide presentation and partake of refreshments. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Gradt moved to reconvene the meeting. Seconded by Metz and passed by unanimous voice vote.  
7:27 pm.

**Minutes:** Roth moved to approve the minutes of the regular July 10 meeting. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gradt moved to approve the minutes of the special August 7 meeting. Seconded by Stermer and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment;** Diana Benitez pointed out that the trustees have been provided with information from the Cemetery Board meeting for their information.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stermer presented the reports for July. Metz moved to accept, seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Road Warrant 19-8R in the audited amount of \$42,125.95 was presented. Metz moved to approve payment. Seconded by Stermer and passed with Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes. Hain was absent.

Town Warrant 19-8T in the audited amount of \$15,799.08 was presented. Metz moved to approve payment. Seconded by Roth and passed with Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes. Hain was absent. Bank balances were reviewed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Reports:**

Supervisor: Stermer read a report from Hain outlining the information on the PACE partnership for transportation. The need for additional staff to fulfill the PACE requirements would, in Hain's opinion negate any savings that may be realized by leasing a bus from PACE. It is his recommendation

that the township stay with the original plan to go out for bid to purchase a new bus. The FY 19 Senior Transportation grant payment has been misplaced at the county level and will be resubmitted for a September reimbursement. Stermer informed the Board that Hain will be back in town Sunday and will see that pictures taken during the presentations will be sent to the NW Herald and the Township magazine.

Road District: Gumm updated that board on current activities, including storm damage clean up. He has arrived at an agreement with Jack Pease regarding Burgett Road maintenance and is working with Hebron Township on upgrading Norgard Road. Gumm has sent a letter to the County addressing the Pease request for enlarging the gravel pit and Trustee Metz has agreed to attend the County meeting. Upcoming activities include health insurance review and improving the fuel tank location.

Assessor: No report

Clerk: No report

Trustee: Metz reported that he attended the last Cemetery Board meeting. Upkeep/maintenance is an ongoing concern and complaints are still being registered. Stermer asked if anyone is looking into special events – community service programs such as recycling or shredding. Metz agreed to look into what is available and get more information. According to Stermer, the Rotary has been asked for suggestions for locations to do butterfly habitat plantings. Stermer suggested the west side of the Township property, bordering the Prairie Trail, would be an ideal location. Board directed her to ask someone to attend the next meeting with more information.

Senior Transportation and Services: Monthly report was reviewed and it was pointed out that July was a very good month with a record number of riders.

**Unfinished Business:** The audit report has been finished and the Board requested additional copies so that they could review the information. Audit was tabled to the next meeting and the Trustees were in favor of the Township going out for bids next year.

**New Business:** The Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Richmond to share maintenance of the 4<sup>th</sup> alert siren located at 7812 Rt 31 was reviewed. Metz moved to enter into the agreement. Seconded by Roth and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PACE partnership. Having Hain’s recommendation and the information from the prior study done by the now defunct Transportation Committee, Gradt moved to not accept the partnership. Seconded by Metz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment.** Gumm addressed Governor Pritzker’s signature on the Township Consolidation Act and discussion ensued regarding the future of townships.

**Closed Session.** None

There was no other business. Gradt moved to adjourn. Seconded by Metz and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:47 PM

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Township Clerk