

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. Rt. 31 Richmond, IL
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees Connie Gradt, Bob Roth, Marge Stermer

ABSENT: Trustee Adam Metz

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kate Hellmann, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Junior Trustee Davin Bailey

Supervisor Hain, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: Gradt moved to approve the minutes of the Regular December 12 meeting. Seconded by Roth and passed by voice vote with Metz absent.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: Jr Trustee Bailey presented the December budget report for the Road District and Town funds. Stermer moved to accept the report. Seconded by Gradt and passed by voice vote with Metz absent. Hain presented the total bank balances for all funds.

Road Warrant #19-1R in the audited amount of \$54,487.39 was reviewed. Stermer moved to authorize payment. Seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gradt, Roth and Stermer voting yes. Metz was absent.

Town Warrant #19-1T in the audited amount of \$18,492.43 was reviewed. Stermer moved to authorize payment. Seconded by Gradt and passed with Hain, Gradt, Roth and Stermer voting yes. Metz was absent.

Correspondence: Notice has been received from the Chicago office of the Census Bureau inviting local governments to participate with the upcoming 2020 census. Hain will contact the Village and see if there is a joint meeting proposed. TriCounty Access (Lake, McHenry and Cook) Project is available on line. Information has been forwarded to Metz who is the Township's representative on the project. Hain and Metz will be attending the Conservation District annual congress in early February.

Reports:

Supervisor. Hain addressed the current situation regarding proposed legislation to eliminate Townships in McHenry County. He reminded the Trustees that Bruce Adams term on the Cemetery Board expires this spring. After consulting with our insurance company, Hain reported that only employees and officials are covered for riding in District vehicles. (Jr Trustee not covered to ride with Road District).

Highway Commissioner. Gumm presented his report on current and upcoming activities and operations. He is working with the County engineer on developing the 2019 road program.

Assessor: O'Neill informed the Board that she is bringing Jan back one day/week to assist with high end property evaluation. She also stated that she will be attending the Governors inauguration and ball in Springfield.

Clerk: Hellmann has sent officials information and email addresses to the County Clerk who will be sending everyone information on their economic interest filing which is due May 1.

Trustees: Roth asked if there is up to date information regarding street light bills. According to Gumm, Com Ed says the Township has 54 streetlights but they have not provided locations. Gumm is looking for documentation regarding easements/responsibility. Gradt asked about the progress on building security. Hain is discussing this with Able Locks. Gradt also reminded the Board that a quarterly special meeting is overdue. Board agreed to call a special meeting February 6 at 7 pm for the purpose of discussing the 2021 elections, the preliminary budget and any other planning issues. Stermer again asked if the outside light could be repaired, including the light on the sign. Gumm will see if he has anyone who can check it out, otherwise an electrician will be called.

Jr. Trustees. Bailey presented a news article about the number of residents leaving Illinois because of taxes (114,000 people last year alone). He will be helping on the annual school blood drive on the 18th. The spring musical will be Feb 1 and 2 and this has already been approved for a senior trip. Hain and Bailey will address the US History classes regarding the Jr trustee program, dates to be finalized.

Senior Transportation and Services. Trustees received a proposed transportation user survey along with a flyers for the Lake Geneva Snow Sculpting trip. Survey will be discussed at the special meeting. Transportation report was reviewed. Ridership is up and expenses are within budget.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a. Resolution 2019-1, Adopting Schedule of regular Meeting Dates was presented and reviewed. Stermer moved to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Gradt and passed by voice vote with Metz absent.

b. Gumm presented an ordinance imposing fines for dumping on Township and Road property. He informed the Board that not only do people dump along the right of ways but also on property adjacent to the offices and garage. The District is responsible for getting rid of the rubbish which includes electronics and tires. Roth questioned if the Township can impose penalties. Electronic pick up/disposal service for residents was discussed. Board was in favor of pursuing both the ordinance and disposal service but more information is needed.

Public Comments: None

Closed Session: None

There was no further business. Stermer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:28 PM

Kathleen Hellmann, Township Clerk

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