

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7812 S. Rt. 31 Richmond, IL  
Wednesday, July 10, 2019

**PRESIDING:** Supervisor Paul Hain

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Kate Hellmann, Assessor Patricia O'Neill, Road District Representative Bridgette Saunders

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

**Roll Call:** Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer were present.

Hain announced that there will be no special presentation this evening.

**Minutes:** Stermer moved to approve the minutes of the regular June 12 meeting. Seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote. Gradt moved to approve the minutes of the special June 17 meeting. Seconded by Stermer and passed by unanimous voice vote. Metz moved to approve the minutes of the special June 20 meeting. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, residents of Johnsburg, were present to express their concern and disappointment regarding the condition of the cemeteries in Richmond Township, in particular the Cedervale Cemetery on S. Solon Rd. Mowing has not been kept up and several of the stones have been dislodged or marred by the mowers (evidenced by the paint on the stones). They are especially upset because relatives were recently interred and they feel the condition of the grounds is disrespectful and a waste of the money paid to whoever has been hired to do the maintenance. They produced pictures and stated that they talked to the Cemetery board and received no satisfaction. Hain agreed to discuss the issue with the Cemetery Board.

Patricia O'Neill brought up the issue of where the new van is to be parked. It is to be shared by the assessor and transportation but she does not think there was anything originally stated about location when it was agreed to share the use of the vehicle. It is her understanding that the assessor's office has use of it from April through August.

**Treasurer's Report:**

a. Hain presented bank balances as of June 30<sup>th</sup> along with income and expenses for June for Township and Road District. He assured the Board that next month the reports will show the budgeted line items, expenses and percentages. Stermer moved to accept the report. Seconded by Metz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Road District Warrant 19-7R in the audited amount of \$38,550.48 was reviewed. Metz moved to authorize payment. Seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes.

c. Township Warrant 19-7T in the audited amount of \$50,010.26 was reviewed. Metz moved to authorize payment. Seconded by Stermer and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes.

**Correspondence:** None

**Reports:**

Supervisor. Hain reminded the Board that the bus lease will continue on a month by month basis. He has specs and will be publishing an invitation to bid for a new bus. A new furnace and air conditioner were installed this week. This was an emergency expenditure and the cost will be covered by contingency. The door lock system is in place but the cards need some additional programming.

Highway Commissioner. Saunders presented an update of activities. The Department is waiting for the County engineers report on West Solon Bridge and hope it will be open by fall. 50 T of asphalt has been spread, landscaping maintenance completed around the buildings, mower was repaired in house. Gumm is working on constructing a new Road District web site ([www.rtrd.org](http://www.rtrd.org)). Paul will discuss with Gumm the possibility of sharing cost to seal coat the entire parking lot.

Assessor: O’Neill asked the Board to preapprove her Exxon bill which is usually received too late to be included in the monthly warrant. As a result her account has been suspended. She will look into the government 60 day pay rule. She will also be putting the Charter bill in her name to save \$50.00/month. A copier and phone had to be replaced. She has completed reassessments of all properties and is especially proud of her team. This will be Riley’s last year and he and his family will be invited to the August meeting.

Clerk: No report

Trustees: Discussion ensued on the articles in the Northwest Herald regarding McRide transportation. Trustees would like statistics on McRide ridership in the Township since we are paying for the service. Also would like to know the original conception of the County Grant program...what was the tax money to be used for. In addition they would like to know the actual cost per taxpayer for the transportation program, and how many individuals use it over a year. Metz stated that he feels the Cemetery Board is in violation of the Open meetings Act because they hold their meetings in the afternoon. Board directed Hain to write a letter to the Cemetery Board, registered mail, outlining the problems and requesting their input.

Senior Transportation and Services. Monthly report was reviewed. Board approved a special trip Saturday, August 17 to the roast beef dinner at the Community Church provided 5 or more sign up.

**Unfinished Business:** Discussion ensued on the parking situation for the new van, Toyota Sienna. The majority of the Board feels it should be parked at the Township location over the weekends. They agreed it should be brought to the township on Thursday (unless needed by the Assessor) and picked up on Monday.

**New Business:**

- a. Hain has reviewed a draft copy of the Audit and it will be presented in August.
- b. Gradt moved to approve the extension of the Intergovernmental Agreements for Senior Transportation with Burton Township, R-B High School District 157, Village of Richmond and Village of Spring Grove. Seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments:** None

**Closed Session:** None

There was no further business. Stermer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:55 pm

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

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Township Clerk