

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. Rt. 31 Richmond, IL
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees Connie Gradt, Bob Roth

ABSENT: Trustee Adam Metz, Marge Stermer

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kate Hellmann, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Junior Trustee Davin Bailey

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

Roll Call: Hain, Gradt, and Roth were present. Metz and Stermer were absent from the meeting. A quorum is established.

Minutes: Gradt moved to approve the minutes of the Regular February 13 meeting. Seconded by Roth and passed by voice vote with Metz and Stermer absent.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: Hain presented the report for the month of February including total bank balances for all funds.

Road Warrant #19-3R in the audited amount of \$9,866.62 was reviewed. Roth moved to authorize payment. Seconded by Gradt and passed with Hain, Gradt and Roth voting yes. Metz and Stermer were absent.

Town Warrant #19-3T in the audited amount of \$25,375.81 was reviewed. Gradt moved to authorize payment. Seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gradt and Roth voting yes. Metz and Stermer were absent.

Correspondence: McHenry Savings submitted a letter offering to meet with Hain and discuss services they offer. A donation of \$220.00 has been received from the Community Church congregation to go towards Transportation. Board discussed the use of donated funds and it was agreed to have further discussion at the next meeting regarding trips and use of funds.

Reports:

Supervisor. Hain met with the census representative and stressed the importance of getting an accurate account. They will be hiring local residents to work with them for the 2020 count.

Highway Commissioner. Gumm presented his report on current and upcoming activities and operations. Brush pick up begins in April and the District will be accepting brush drop off at the garage. He informed the Board that McHenry Twp. Road donated office equipment at no charge.

Assessor: O'Neill is out of town and according to Hain she is obtaining information on doing a bulk mailing. The quad reassessment will take place on all properties in the township and is in process now.

Clerk: No report

Trustees: No report.

Jr. Trustees. Bailey presented information on HB2207 regarding the use of public funds for campaigning. Hain announced that he has not gone to the school to look for Jr Trustee candidates but will recommended appointing two.

Senior Transportation and Services. Hain presented written report and suggested adding a third shopping day for other stores in McHenry.

Unfinished Business:

a. Burgett Rd zoning petition was discussed. Gradt suggested supporting whatever the Road Commissioner recommends since he is the one responsible for maintaining the road. Gumm informed the Board that he has not heard from the principals since the last Board meeting and without additional information he cannot support their petition. Board declined to take any action at this time.

b. Budget. Hain is still redesigning the financial reports and is getting proposals for various items. Gradt inquired about the audit and Hain informed her that he has already signed a contract for this year. The service will be re-bid next year.

New Business:

a. Cemetery Board Trustee Appointment. Current Trustee Bruce Adams is willing to take another 6 year term. Board tabled the appointment to the next meeting for a full Board vote.

b. Annual Town Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Board requested adding "Officials Introduction and Presentations". Gradt moved to approve agenda as amended. Seconded by Roth and passed by voice vote with Metz and Stermer absent.

Public Comments: Chris Gumm asked if the Board was aware of Senate Bill 1783, which changes requirements for paying prevailing wages. Discussion ensued. This could adversely impact the budget. No action was taken.

Trustee Gradt sked if a special meeting could be called for the purpose of discussing the upcoming bus lease and authorization for Deputy Clerk. Hain requested this be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Closed Session: Hain requested closed session to discuss personnel issues. Roth so moved, seconded by Gradt. Motion passed with Hain, Gradt and Roth voting yes. Metz and Stermer absent. 8:20 PM. Board came out of closed session at 8:45. No action was necessary.

There was no further business. Roth moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:46 PM

Kathleen Hellmann, Township Clerk

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