

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. Rt. 31 Richmond, IL
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

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

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

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

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

Minutes: Stermer moved to approve the minutes of the regular September 12, Special September 18 and Special September 26 meetings. Seconded by Metz and passed by voice vote.

Public Comment: Tom Weiden, a 27 year resident of the Township, addressed the proposed solar power facility on Rt2 31, across from the Township and abutting his property. He feels the township should attend the hearing and request more landscaping for the 8 ft. fence that will surround the property. He wondered if the Township would gain anything from the project. He has nothing against green energy but wants to make sure it is aesthetically pleasing since it abuts his property. He urged the Township to attend meetings and press for landscaping. Hain informed the Board that he is not averse to attending meetings but has not received any information on the proposal. Weiden provided a contact name and number. Resident Wally Solinski wondered how the solar installation, with its electrical magnetic grid will affect the high school students. More information will be sought.

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

Road District Warrant #18-10R in the audited amount of \$138,904.34 was reviewed. Gradt moved to authorize payment of Warrant 18-10R. Seconded by Metz and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes.

Township Warrant #18-10T in the audited amount of \$23,318.61 was reviewed. Gradt moved to authorize payment. Seconded by Metz and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes.

Correspondence: Notice of application for sludge permit was received from the IEPA. A thank you was received from Kelly Vorisek for the going away card and gift.

Reports:

Supervisor. Hain reported that the administrative assistant change over, from Kelly to Diana, is going well. Regarding solar farms, Hain stated that the township can attend meetings but has no decision making authority. He will request more information from the County.

Highway Commissioner. Gumm presented his monthly report. Lights and lettering have been installed on vehicles. Road patching is about completed for the season. There is some concern about the salt contract. The State has not yet provided the name of the supplier for this year. New IDs and shirts have been ordered. He will be reviewing policies and the employee handbook. Hain had the auditor come in and set up the accounts for the new insurance.

Assessor: O'Neill was not present. Hain will check with her to see if the lettering, which was ordered several years ago, has ever been applied to the Dakota.

Clerk: Hellmann informed the Board that IDOT and the IL Tollway have added the Township as a participating Agency and Consulting Party in their Tri-County Access Project. She also presented information about PA 100-0983, which goes into effect January 1, 2019, requiring the clerk to "Attest" to the signature of the supervisor on all checks written.

Trustees. No reports

Jr. Trustees. Bailey presented information on the consolidation issue to be voted on in November.

Senior Transportation and Services. Hain presented the monthly report and noted that ridership is down.

Unfinished Business: A special meeting was called for October 17, for discussion on the transportation policy and brochure. Hain suggested asking the Villages and Library to publish transportation information on their websites/newsletters.

New Business: Hain discussed the preliminary tax levy, proposing to keep it flat (same as last year). He will have the ordinance at the next meeting.

E-vergent annual agreement for internet services was presented by Hain. Gradt moved to approve at \$779.40/year. Seconded by Stermer and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes.

Employee Handbook and policies will be reviewed at the special October 17th meeting.

Public Comments: Chris Gumm urged the Board, as representatives of the people, to investigate the solar project. Hain presented a brief synopsis of the State's incentive program for solar energy and discussion ensued.

Closed Session: Stermer moved to go into closed session for semi-annual review and approval of closed minutes and to discuss benefits and salary for specific employees. Seconded by Metz and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes. 8:15 pm

Board came out of closed session at 9:45 pm. Stermer moved to release the minutes of the May 9, 2018 closed session and to maintain confidentiality of the others. Seconded by Roth and passed by voice vote.

There was no further business. Stermer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote. 9:50 PM

Kathleen Hellmann, Township Clerk

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