

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

October 9, 2019 7:00 PM

**PRESIDING:** Supervisor Paul Hain

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Kate Hellmann, Road District Commissioner Chris Gumm

Hain called the meeting to order at 7 PM

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

**Presentations:** No presentations

**Minutes:** Stermer moved to approve the minutes of the October 4 emergency meeting. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote. Metz moved to approve the minutes of the regular September 11 meeting. Seconded by Roth and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** No comments

**Treasurer's Report:** Hain presented the reports and bank balances for September. The approved Transportation grant has still not been received. Gradt moved to accept, seconded by Metz and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Road Warrant 19-10R in the audited amount of \$24,996.05 was presented. Metz moved to approve payment. Seconded by Stermer and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes.

Town Warrant #19-10T in the audited amount of \$17,450.84 was presented. Gradt moved to approve payment. Seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes. Hain pointed out that the payment on the bus lease is one month ahead.

**Correspondence:** An invitation to attend a STEAM lab at the High School was presented. The event was held on September 25 and Hain attended.

**Reports:**

Supervisor: Hain has been trying to coordinate with the Cemetery Board regarding ground maintenance. He feels the contractors are not doing an adequate job and he told the cemetery board that they should not pay the bill. Discussion ensued. It is important to keep the cemetery grounds in a respectful condition. Hain has been considering updating the computers for the office and the assessor, along with better wireless access..routers and switches.. He also mentioned the possibility of installing a large screen/projector for presentations. However, this year's expenses will only involve replacing two computers.

Road District: Gumm updated that board on current and ongoing activities. West Solon bridge opening is anticipated for mid-2020. He informed the Board that road salt prices have

increased 36.5%. He also explained the OxCart online permit program which will go online Nov 1 at no cost to the District.

Assessor: Absent. Hain reported that everything is in and filed.

Clerk: Hellmann introduced Tammy Kay who is interested in the Deputy Clerk position.

Trustees: Roth reported that he spoke to Gary Lang about the possibility of obtaining a bus from Gary Lang Auto. Mr Lang is interested and received a copy of the specs. He understands that the Board has to put it to bid and this will occur later in the year. Roth also attended a very informative Stormwater Seminar at MCC and it appears that the State is doing a very good job in this area. He asked about the electric work on the building and Hain said he has the parts for most of the exterior lights but may need the services of an electrician for the building wiring.

Senior Transportation and Services: Hain reported that the County Grant Committee has recommended a \$20,000 grant and the awards will be finalized in December. Senior bingo program at the Richmond Fire Station is October 27. Regarding special trips, it was pointed out that the past policy has been to charge for all trips outside of the District. Only trips to local events are no charge. Hain will make sure this policy is followed in the future.

**Unfinished Business:** IGA McHenry County for McRide 2020. Document has not been received to date. Board emphasized that they will not approve the agreement unless they are presented with a report on usage by Township residents.

**New Business:** Metz presented information on the recycling event, which can be held on Oct 26, Saturday from 9-noon. Board agreed to invite Burton Township to participate. Advertising will be handled by Metz, utilizing all available avenues including social media. Following additional discussion, Metz moved to hold a recycling event on October 26, from 9-noon, at a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$2,000. Burton Township will be invited to participate. Seconded by Gradt and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Closed Session.** Stermer moved to go into closed session for semi-annual review of minutes. Seconded by Gradt and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes. 8:25 pm Gradt moved to come out of closed session. Seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gradt, Metz, Roth and Stermer voting yes. 8:30 pm. Metz moved to keep all minutes closed except for the April 10, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Hain and passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was no other business. Metz moved to adjourn. Seconded by Stermer and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:30 pm.

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Township Clerk

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