

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7812 S. RT 31 RICHMOND, IL
September 9, 2020 7:00pm

PRESIDING: Supervisor Paul Hain

PRESENT: Trustees Mike Gullifor, Kara Lotz, Bob Roth

ABSENT: Marge Stermer

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Tammy Kay, Road Commissioner Chris Gumm, Assessor Patricia O'Neill

Hain called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, Roth were present. Stermer absent. Quorum established.

MINUTES: Gullifor moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 meeting, seconded by Hain and passed by unanimous vote. Stermer was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hain presented the reports and balances. The General Assistance fund has a lot of pressure. Roth moved to approve the report, seconded by Gullifor and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent.

Road Warrant #20-9R in the audited amount of \$95,186.10 was presented. Hain moved to approve payment, seconded by Roth and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent.

Town Warrant #20-9T in the audited amount of \$26,732.10 was presented. Hain moved to approve payment, seconded by Gullifor and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE: Email received from Jack Franks in regards to Covid 19 to contact the county if unable to maintain services, etc.

Reports:

Supervisor: Hain reported that property tax disbursements are expected to be delayed. A verbal agreement for a balloon payment/buyout for \$14,021.00 has been reached with the bus company. Paperwork is expected soon. McHenry County has pledged \$5000.00 to help pay for the bus. Adam Metz has been updating the Cemetery database, paying bills and cleaning files. The address has been changed from a Post Office box to the Township Building. Metz and Hain are doing all of the Cemetery Board duties at this time.

Road District: Gumm reported that drainage, guard rails, and shoulders have been improved on Hill Rd. Various asphalt projects have been completed. Mowing has been caught up and tree trimming continues to be proactive in regards to possible storm damage. The McHenry County Correctional Dept. will have inmates helping around the township on various projects at the end of the month. He stated the West Solon Bridge is slated for complete rebuild in 2024 and temporary repairs hope to be finished in October.

Assessor: O'Neill stated that the July 15th tax appeal deadline was extended to September 15. There were 145 formal appeals made to the county with 4 going to hearing. She heard many compliments about Chris Gumm and his crew and the great job done of tree branch pick up after the storm.

Clerk: No report

Trustees: No report

Senior Transportation: Due to Covid-19, services are still suspended. Waiting for the invoice to purchase the bus.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made by Lotz to approve the Rotary Club garden project located on the township property. Seconded by Gullifor and passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business: Adam Metz has agreed to be in charge of the Township's participation in the 2020-2021 McHenry County Defenders Recycling Program. Gullifor made a motion to approve the Township's participation in the 2020-2021 McHenry County Defenders Recycling Program. Seconded by Roth and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments: None

Closed Session: Gullifor made a motion to go into closed session for unemployment, appointment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees/appointees of the public body, including hearing testimony regarding said employees/appointees and legal matters concerning issues of the public body. He requested that the Assessor and Road Commissioner stay for the session. Seconded by Hain and passed with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent. 7:55pm

Gullifor made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Roth and with Hain, Gullifor, Lotz, and Roth voting yes. Stermer was absent. 8:43

There was no other business. Lotz moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gullifor and passed by unanimous voice vote. 8:44pm

Approved: _____

Township Clerk

