

September 7, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Township Supervisors was held at the Township Building at 30348 State Highway 408. The meeting was called to order with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence at 6:00 P.M. In attendance were Supervisors Morton, James and Sharpe, Rhonda Phillips, Rick Makohus, Mike Lokuta, Nancy Lokuta, and Bob Potts. Supervisor Morton attended via phone.

Minutes of the August 3, 2023 meeting: Copies were distributed to those in attendance. Morton asked if there were any additions and/or corrections.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to accept the minutes as they stand. Motion carried; three ayes.

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Bills and Receipts: See Treasurer's report.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to approve all bills and receipts. Motion carried; three ayes.

Reports:

Planning Commission – No report.

Rec Board – No report.

Road Master's Report – The month of August we have been out ditching and putting gravel down. Dan has been out doing the fall mowing and trimming roads. We also did the project on Mercer Rd, installing a 7' x 13' x 80' pipe, widening the road. We also had a major washout on the side of the road on Hickory Corners Rd. We ended up building the road up with three loads of large stone. We will be out finishing the mowing, ditching, putting gravel down, and grading getting ready for the next season coming up. So, watch out for us and slow down. Thanks.

Tax Collection Committee – No report.

Website Report – 208 visitors for the month of August.

Old Business -

Culvert pipe on Mercer Rd update – This project included 25 loads of 2RC, 25 loads of ditch dirt, 3 loads of large stone, 1 load of blocks and 2 ½ bags of grass seed.

**Motion made by Morton, seconded by James, to use ARPA funds to cover the cost of the pipe for Mercer Rd. Motion carried; three ayes.

Motion to hire Mike Lokuta as Groundskeeper for 2024 –

**Motion made by Morton, seconded by James, to hire Mike Lokuta as a part-time groundskeeper for 2024. Motion carried; three ayes.

Update on improvements of the Rec Center buildings – Jeb Stutzman will possibly be starting at the end of September.

Update on the Ford F-550 – WIP.

New Business:

Supervisor Morton- out of town part of September and October

Hickory Corners pipe outlet repair -This repair required 3 loads of large stone, 3 loads of ditch dirt, haul the old blocks out, and put grass seed there.

Ideas for remaining COVID money – All monies must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and it must be spent by December 31, 2026.

Possible Gradall upgrade - This will be put on hold.

Upcoming expenses – John gave Glenn a list of what is needed for the trucks to prepare for the winter.

General election day – November 7th

Newsletter info needed -The secretary would like info by the end of September, if possible.

1st Preliminary 2024 budget meeting – Thursday, September 28th at 4 pm

Boot Camp Training for Bob Potts – We will look at this again after the election.

Citizens` Comments and Concerns

No comments brought before the board.

**Motion made by Morton, seconded by Sharpe, to adjourn. Motion carried; three ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary