

November 2, 2017

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 Bryan Morton, Don James, and Glenn Sharpe as well as Scott Wheelock, Kathleen Wheelock, John Lawrence, Sandy James, and Rhonda Phillips.

MINUTES of the October 5, 2017 meeting were distributed to those in attendance. Sharpe asked if there were any additions and/or corrections.

***Motion made by James, seconded by Morton, to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried: three ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Maplewood Yearbook Advertisement –Hadley Barker called and emailed asking if Richmond Township would be interested in putting an ad in Maplewood’s yearbook.

Humane Society – Also looking for a donation from Richmond Township.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS: See Treasurer's Report.

***Motion was made by Sharpe, seconded by Morton, to approve all bills and receipts. Motion carried: three ayes.

REPORTS

Planning Commission – There was no meeting. Figures were obtained for the ceiling and lights. John Lawrence asked for permission to apply for more money – an idea would be for outside lighting.

Recreation Board – Thanks to everyone who helped out with Trunk or Treat. There were possibly around 300-400 people. Scott Wheelock is checking into electric. Bryan Morton will call Ron Cope to see if he could get something done. He contacted the shop teacher to possibly have six more tables made for next year. There was some discussion about having the township cover the rentals of the pavilions to relieve Dave Crago from this responsibility. The money will go to the recreation board. James will talk to the lawyer about setting up some rules/guidelines for pavilion rentals. Propane is at sixty percent.

Roadmaster Report - Charlie Hartman submitted a report stating that with winter on its way, it is time to get the equipment ready for snow. This past month all of the fall grading was completed, and some scratch grading was done here and there as needed. The grader will continue to be used for another week or so as the weather permits. Potholes are starting to appear in different areas, and the road crew will deal with them as they can. The grader will be taken to Five Star soon for a warranty issue that has been going on for some time so that it will be fixed before next year. The new spreader is in the process of being installed on the Mack. Kennedy Welding has the truck at this time. Three quotes were obtained for new tires for the F-550; the tires are needed as soon as possible. In new business, Charlie is working on three projects for the 2018 summer. Two of the projects are for Russell Road, one by Darren Bradley’s and the other is the next ravine over towards John Brown Road. The third project is on Tomer Road from Lyona Road to the top of the hill consisting of various cross pipes and also partnering with the church to fix an ongoing water problem in that area. Be safe, be courteous, and slow down!

Tax Collection Committee – There was a fifteen-minute meeting.

Web site - Statistics for the last month were read. There were around 1200 hits.

OLD BUSINESS

Assessment permit – WIP. This is at the solicitor’s office.

Richmond Township Ordinances – WIP. This is at the solicitor’s office.

Driveway Pipe Installation Fee – WIP. This is at the solicitor’s office.

Castile Rd. bridge repair – WIP.

Auditors' Recommendations – WIP. We need to find an assessor.

NEW BUSINESS

New tailgate spreader – It is over at Kennedy’s Welding right now.

Disposal of the old V Box – For now the township will hold onto the old V Box, but it might be for sale some time in the future.

Budget 2018 – The 2018 preliminary budget is now ready for approval. The general township budget is \$254,655 for income and \$206,309 for expenses. The liquid fuel budget is \$153,271 for income and \$158,974 for expenses. **Motion made by Sharpe, seconded by James, to accept the 2018 preliminary budget. Motion carried; three ayes.

Kathleen Wheelock mentioned that there will be a question on the ballot to up the Homestead Farmstead up to 100%, which means that property could potentially have no real estate tax on it. This is a bad idea because money that real estate taxes brings in will need to be recovered in some way; this means other taxes will be implemented.

**Motion made by Sharpe, seconded by Morton, to advertise the preliminary 2018 budget for citizens’ review. The final budget will be approved at the December regular meeting to be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Motion carried; three ayes.

Fall Convention – James attended the Fall Convention. There were around 30 vendors, engineers, firms, etc. It was very informative and well attended.

Rec Dumpster – The Rec dumpster can be put away for the winter. Braun will be called to stop garbage pickup.

Election Day – Election Day is next Tuesday, November 7th. Tammy Turner needs to be written in for auditor.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS –

No further comments were brought before the board.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to adjourn. Motion carried: three ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary