

**October 5, 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, Mike Lokuta, Nancy Lokuta, John Lawrence, Billy Shoemaker, and Rhonda Phillips.

**MINUTES of the September 7, 2017 meeting** were distributed to those in attendance. Sharpe asked if there were any additions and/or corrections.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Cambridge Springs Volunteer Ambulance Service** –They will be closing that service Jan 1, 2018. This will not affect Richmond Township in any way.

**Townhall Meeting re: Solid Waste** – Held in Townville on Wed, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Fliers available.

**Approval letter for collection event** – A collection, including electronics and other items, will be held on Nov 18, 2017. Pre-registration is required and there is a cost. A lighted sign may be available.

**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 a meeting which centered on applying for the Act 13 that are being offered by the county. A long-range plan is needed to include with the application. Some possible topics were mentioned. Direction is needed from the supervisors and the Rec Board as to the long-range use of the facility. James stated that the first improvement should focus on the ceiling and lighting. The supervisors stated that the different ways that the building is used for the community should be mentioned in the application. The application is due Nov. 10.

**Recreation Board** – Ron Cope does want to do the electric at the pavilions. The quote from R.E. Johnson was quite high. Trunk or Treat will be Oct 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm at the Recreation Complex and needs to be put in the paper. Richmond Township's Trick or Treat night will be Oct 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 pm. This also needs to be advertised in the paper in a separate article.

**Roadmaster Report** - Charlie Hartman submitted a report stating that we have had a very dry summer and fall is starting out quite nice. The past month the gravel was completed, in total 7,783.92 ton of 2RC being placed on Richmond Township roads in various places. Also, over 80,000 gallons of brine was put down this summer. We are thankful to get any brine due to the fact that the wells are getting less and less in this area. The total figures for the North Richmond project are done and turned in to the Conservation office. The original grant request was for \$88,197.00 and the in-kind from the township was projected at \$11,771.17 for a project value at \$99,968.17. The actual totals came in at \$84,498.12 for the grant and the \$14,592.00 for the in-kind totaling \$99,090.12 project value. We are working on a few other areas for grants for next year. Hunting season has once again starting so Charlie was asking if something could be put in the paper to remind people to **NOT PARK ON THE ROADS!** Emergencies only is the rule of PennDOT, and he feels this would apply to all roads. Drive safe, be courteous, and slow down.

**Tax Collection Committee** – There is a meeting next week. Kathleen is going to the convention this year. She will turn in her receipts when she returns.

**Web site** - Statistics for the last month were read. Pictures are needed of the N. Richmond Project.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

***Assessment permit*** – WIP. James has an appointment with the solicitor tomorrow to discuss this permit and the township ordinances.

***Richmond Township Ordinances*** – WIP.

***Castile Rd. bridge repair*** – WIP. Some of the major concerns have to do with anything that could possibly drip into the creek and cause contamination.

***Auditors' Recommendations*** – WIP. We need to find an assessor. Kathleen recommended talking to Joe Galbo.

***Driveway Pipe Installation Fee*** – WIP.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***Liquid Fuels Audit*** – A representative from the Attorney General's office came to the township building and performed the audit. Everything is in order.

***Lawson v. Commonwealth, DEP*** – There is a lawsuit that has been filed where an individual is suing for brine being put on roads. This outcome could affect the use of brine on our roads. The supervisors signed a letter being sent to PSATS stating that PSATS needs to get involved because brine is the least expensive resource that we have to control dust on the roads.

***Tailgate spreader purchase*** – Four different quotes were obtained: \$3551, \$4476, \$4676, and \$5460. The supervisors decided to go with the least expensive one. This spreader is needed because it will save time, driving, and wear and tear. It will be in place of the feed box.

***Second Preliminary Budget Work Session*** – This meeting will take place on Fri, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. This was already advertised at the beginning of the year along with the annual meeting dates.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS -**

-Billy Shoemaker was wondering what is the longevity of the white building down at the Rec Complex. He asked if there is any possibility of using it for an indoor batting area for the Richmond ball teams during the winter months. This would aid in being better equipped to compete against other teams who are already practicing all year round. The township already has the building committed to storing township equipment this winter. Suggestions were made of adding an extension to the white building or possibly using the main Recreation building if designed in a way to take it down easily for any event that the building would need to be used for. The batting cage would be for Maplewood residents only.

-John Lawrence wanted to know if the supervisors would consider donating \$50 to the John Brown Heritage Society. It is a non-profit organization. Ed Eddinger manages the property. He is 91-years-old and can't mow it anymore. They have hired someone to mow it. James offered to donate personally along with the other supervisors, rather than from the township.

-John Lawrence said that he recently found out that a little girl and her mother live in one of the sheds at the World of Mazes on Mercer Rd.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips  
Township Secretary