

August 3, 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 John Lawrence and Rhonda Phillips.

MINUTES of the July 6, 2017 meeting were distributed to those in attendance. Sharpe asked if there were any additions and/or corrections. James asked for an addition to be made stating that Sharpe could not attend last month's meeting due to emergency surgery.

** Motion made by James, seconded by Morton, to accept the minutes with the addition mentioned above. Motion carried: three ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PSATS Convention –It is in Harrisburg from April 22-25 for \$160/person. James and Morton would like to attend.
State adoption of resolute package- They are going to start taxing the natural gas. They also voted against the \$25/person tax for state police.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS: See Treasurer's Report.

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

REPORTS

Planning Commission – They had a meeting this past month. Zack Pile is doing the preliminary groundwork for the CDGB grant that we can get every year. Mike Lokuta is working on some census upgrades; Luigi DeFrancesco is working on some other items. As Mike gets information, he will forward it to the supervisors. Also, John Lawrence attending a meeting in Centerville regarding dangerous intersections. Of the six items that were submitted to PennDOT, two of them were for Richmond – Lyona Rd/St. Hwy 408 intersection and the St. Hwy 408/ St. Hwy 77 intersection.

In addition, a new cell phone tower is being built in the township.

Recreation Board – No report.

Roadmaster Report - Charlie Hartman submitted a report stating that the road crew were able to start and complete the North Richmond Road project. He will have all the final costs and reports at a later date. They were able to get some gravel down and some ditching done. Gravel will continue possibly August 10th if Hasbrouck is available, and they will finish Carpenter Rd, and then go to Humes, etc. Dust control is almost worthless this year. Even though some say it has been a rainy year, but not everywhere has seen that rain. Without some rain, the brine doesn't work very well but they will do the best that they can with what they have. Dan Mailliard will be back mowing soon for the second and final round for this year.

Tax Collection Committee - No report.

Website - Statistics were read stating that approximately 1,874 people looked at our website this past month.

OLD BUSINESS

Assessment permit – WIP.

Richmond Township Ordinances – WIP.

Castile Rd. bridge repair - WIP

Auditors' Recommendations – WIP. James met with George Townley to talk to him about some of the items listed on the Municipal Property Record. Some items discussed: Townley has no idea what the school board from 1958 are regarding; \$50 -Ruby Smith stored equipment in her barn; the township building needs to be reassessed; \$125 – township rented building from Dorothy Safko; \$5,000 -T & M Shamp (probably when the property was purchased for the first township building). With regards to finding someone to reassess the property, Dawn Williams has moved out of the area, so we will need to find someone else.

N. Richmond Rd. project – Ace Excavating and the road crew did a nice job on this project. Sharpe will have Mike Lokuta take pictures of the work and put them on the web site. He will also check with Maria and Charlie for pictures possibly taken already.

NEW BUSINESS

Increase supervisor pay – Starting with the next elected supervisor, discussion was made regarding increasing the pay for supervisor meetings.

***Motion made by Morton, seconded by Sharpe, to raise the supervisor pay to \$100 per meeting for newly elected supervisors, keeping in mind that they don't turn in any mileage. In addition, supervisors can miss two meetings in a calendar year and still get paid, effective in 2018. Motion carried: two ayes, one sustained.

Driveway pipe installation fee – The supervisors will compare prices with the other townships in the area.

PSATS Ordinance Article – James gave the article to the secretary to read in organizing ordinances and resolutions.

Letter to Michelle Brooks – James wrote a letter expressing the supervisors' stand on Senate Bill #663 regarding the option of a third party for the UCC building code. The secretary will type up the letter and send it to the senator.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS -

John Lawrence stated that he had called the road crew because there were some near head-on collisions due to people trying to avoid potholes on his road. The road crew grated his road and brined it to get rid of the potholes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary