

June 1, 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 6:02 P.M. In attendance were Supervisors Glenn Sharpe, Bryan Morton, and Don James, as well as Tom Morgan, Mike Lokuta, Nancy Lokuta, and Rhonda Phillips.

MINUTES of the May 4, 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 eyes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Building permits – Two permits were received, one from Joe Smock who is building a house and one from Jeff Kachik who is building a pole barn.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS: See Treasurer's Report.

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

REPORTS

Planning Commission - No report

Recreation Board - James mentioned that the Recreation Complex Clean-Up Day was held on May 13th. The fence was put up and weeding of flowers, along with other jobs that needed to be done. The Memorial Day service was held on May 29th which was attended by approximately seventy people. It was a nice service and well done. Six picnic tables were purchased for the picnic shelters.

Roadmaster Report - Charlie Hartman submitted a report stating that the road crew has been grading and doing what they can to keep up with the potholes. They are now focusing on berming and ditch pulling and will be installing cross pipes and a few driveway pipes soon. The North Richmond Rd project is being finalized and the tentative start date is July 10th. That section of road will be closed for approximately two weeks.

New front tires are needed for the mowing tractor as well as new front tires on the Mack before winter. The Mack may also need to go to Erie because it is not running right and is starting hard again. The last time this happened, it was a lift pump that needed to be replaced. The parts for the oil pan replacement for the International are in at Five Star, and the truck is scheduled for the repair. Summer hours will remain to be 6:30 am to 3:00 pm, which seems to work best. He encouraged everyone to drive safe.

James mentioned that the secretary needs to send a notice to the newspaper approximately one week before the North Richmond Rd project is started. It needs to state the start date and the length of time that the road will be closed. This needs to be coordinated with Charlie.

Tax Collection Committee - No report.

Website - Statistics were read stating that approximately 2,100 people looked at our website this past month. People from all over the world have been looking at it.

OLD BUSINESS

Business ads for website – WIP. James suggested giving this to the Richmond Athletic Association to take it over.

Ordinance updates – WIP. James picked out some samples of ordinances to take to the solicitor. Specific samples are for a Sewage Permit, Assessment Permit, Yard Debris, and the Greytown Rd situation.

Greytown Rd/Christopher Herendeen situation – WIP.

Road Tour - The road tour took place on May 6th. Everything looked decent considering the kind of weather we have been having.

Election Day - There were only 207 voters out of 900 voters who came out to vote.

Castile Rd. bridge repair - Morton stated that during the Road Tour James went and looked at the bridge. It needs freshened by pressure washing to clean the deck off and putting a coat of paint on it. James recommended getting some prices from people who do pressure washing and see what the cost would be. Sharpe will look into this.

Auditors' Recommendations - WIP. The township needs to get a better idea of what its present equipment and buildings are worth.

NEW BUSINESS

Act 172 /Incentives for Volunteer Services - The number of people who are willing to volunteer their time for the fire department is dwindling, so it is possible that in the future there will be one building that services the East Mead, Blooming Valley, Townville areas that will be staffed. This Act gives volunteers a tax break to encourage more people to volunteer.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS -

Morgan asked if the board had any suggestions in how to change how the school tax is figured. People who have no children should not have to pay school tax. The supervisors have no ideas about how to solve this, but people have been looking at this issue for years.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary