

February 6, 2020

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 James and Sharpe, Rhonda Phillips, John Lawrence, Tom Morgan, Sandy James, Rick Makohus, and Adam Alexander. Supervisor Bryan Morgan was sick.

Minutes of the January 6, 2020: Copies were distributed to those in attendance. Sharpe asked if there were any additions and/or corrections. The secretary mentioned that the initials for IPMC needs to be corrected along with the times for the Rec Board meetings.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to accept the meetings with the stated changes. Motion carried; two ayes.

Correspondence:

---DCNR is offering grants for improvements for parks and trails.

---LTAP sent a schedule for the upcoming months of classes that are being offered.

---Department of Commerce for the US Census Borough asking for a paper map filled out to show our boundaries for the township.

---Armstrong is raising rates.

---BIU wanted to send Don James plans for commercial buildings in our township and wanted him to sign a form. The commercial buildings located in the township are Ace Excavating and Martin's Smokehouse.

Bills and Receipts: See Treasurer's report.

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

Reports:

Planning Commission – No formal meeting. They are waiting for a copy of the IPMC manual. Rick Makohus recommended locating the UCC ordinance and amend it to include a fine for not complying with the conditions of the ordinance.

Rec Board – Scott applied for a grant to renovate the outside bathrooms at the Recreation Complex. We received a grant for \$954.

Road Master's Report - January has been a little snow plowing and a lot of antiskid with temperatures up and down with rain. We also have been doing a little painting in the garage bathroom. We are keeping the chains tightened on the trucks. We had to put four new tires on the International; they were the original tires and the side walls had cracked. In addition, we had to replace the brake lines on the F-550. We also got our new mowing tractor. We hope to start early and trim brush back. Now we need to see what February will bring us. Thanks, John.

Tax Collection Committee – Kathleen did not attend the January meeting but it was just pertaining to the allocations for all the municipalities and what they owe.

Web Site Report – There were 204 visitors last month. Go Daddy said that our online services are great compared to other municipalities.

Old Business -

Questions for Rick Makohus -Rick is our new Building Code Official and SEO. He does not do inspections; he will be responsible to get people who are licensed to do the inspections. He will get copies of permits to keep on file and one copy will be sent to the township.

SEO problems in the township- There are presently three issues in the township: across from Tom Morgan's house, one on Tomer Rd, and the trailer and ponds across the road from the township

building. Rick Makohus recommends that the township pass an ordinance that no one can subdivide anything less than ten acres.

Washington Township truck – Don is working on this.

Bucket for backhoe – Bob Keister is going to an auction and if he finds one for less than \$500, he has permission from the supervisors to purchase it.

Assessment permit, Driveway pipe installation fee, Richmond Township ordinances – WIP.

Selling of old brine tanks, spreader, disc –

Signs for pavilions – WIP.

ADA compliant quote for township building entrance– WIP,

New table/chairs for meeting room – WIP.

New Business:

New tractor guard – John Flaugh is working on this.

New laws for posting of property– Signs are no longer required, just paint purple stripes on the trees or posts for private property. Glenn will have Mike put this information on the web site.

Payment to Sandy Gorniak – She came from Fairview to give some advice on reconciling some Quickbook accounts.

**Motion made by Sharpe, seconded by James, to give Sandy Gorniak \$200 for her time and travel. Motion carried; two ayes.

Mark Corey re: Castile Rd pipe replacement – James will be contacting Mark about a 5-ft. pipe that needs replaced there to get a GP-7 permit.

Adam from Armstrong – proposed a contract to have the township look at

Citizens` Comments and Concerns

-Scott mentioned that the new lighting in the township building really makes a difference.

** Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to adjourn. Motion carried; two ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6: 58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary