

June 6, 2024

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 Morton, Potts, and Sharpe (via phone), Rhonda Phillips, Dan Miller, Mike Lokuta, Nancy Lokuta, and Rick Makohus.

Minutes of the May 2, 2024: Copies were distributed to those in attendance. Morton asked if there were any additions and/or corrections.

**Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to accept the minutes as they stand. Motion carried; three ayes.

Correspondence:

Crawford County Planning – informational meeting on June 27th about municipalities becoming “Broadband Ready Communities”

Adam Diem – thank you for partnering with the Roughneck Gravel Roubaix

Crawford County Commissioners – public hearing on June 13th at the Meadville Public Library to discuss the Community Development Block Grant

Bills and Receipts: See Treasurer's report.

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

Reports:

Planning Commission – No report.

Rec Board – No report.

Road Master's Report – The month of May we have been out grading. We also have been taking some of the berm off the roads so the water will run off. We are getting our trucks inspected. The frame on our main material hauler broke. We hope to be able to replace it. Dan will be mowing berms soon. So, watch out for us. ~the Road Crew

Tax Collection Committee – No report.

Website Report – There were 250 visitors who accessed the website.

Old Business:

Update on solar ordinance resolution – The secretary typed the resolution changing 30 days to 90 days.

**Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to approve Resolution 2024-1 to declare a moratorium on solar development in Richmond Township. Motion carried; three ayes.

Update on Rec buildings – The buildings still are not finished. We are hoping that it will be completed this month. Uhlig's is coming next week to rekey the man doors.

Update on security system for township facilities – Cameras are in and need to be charged. They should be in place next week. All four will be placed at the garage and office area.

Update on meter for diesel pump – WIP. Morton needs to get a revised quote for a 2.5” thread diameter.

Rec Complex Clean-up Day report – Mike, Dave and Don came to work and formed a burn pile that was burned later in the week.

Memorial Day Service report – It was a nice ceremony; however, it was not well attended. There were only about 20-25 people in attendance. Kyle and Ashley spoke and did a fantastic job. The supervisors are sending a letter of appreciation to their commanders.

Update on applying for PBDA grant for expanding broadband access – Potts has done some research and found that Pennsylvania has \$1.6 billion to spend on broadband with a deadline to apply for a grant being the end of this year. A presentation is being offered on June 27th by Deb Frawley, and Potts will be attending that. We will look at passing a resolution of participation of BBRC and name a Broadband Champion at the next meeting.

Maplewood Elementary equipment day report– Morton has pictures. The elementary kids loved it.

New Business -

Equipment issues – The '94 Volvo has a crack in the frame. John will be taking it to Spartansburg to have them look at it and get an estimate of what it would take to fix it/replace it.

Refurbishing the WWII arch memorial – Frank Weingard pledged \$1000 toward getting it repaired. Potts will contact some masonry places to get bids. Suggestion was made to solicit more donations through the website.

Send letter of appreciation of Kyle and Ashley Benich for speaking at the Memorial Day Service – Potts read the letter at the meeting.

Discuss the possibility of forming a housing authority – Potts proposed possibly exploring a site for the township to buy land and build a small apartment building as a potential solution to the World of Mazes issue. More research would need to be done. Some concerns might include attracting low-income housing situations.

Any upcoming vacations – Morton will be out at the end of June.

Emergency BVFD – A new map was submitted for the revised coverage of all four fire departments for Richmond Township.

Citizens` Comments and Concerns

Mike Lokuta mentioned that the township will need to look for a new groundskeeper for 2025.

** Motion made by Morton, seconded by Potts, to adjourn. Motion carried; three ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary