

December 5, 2019

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, James, and Sharpe, Scott Wheelock, John Lawrence, Sandy James, Tom Morgan, and Rhonda Phillips.

Minutes of the November 7, 2019: Copies were distributed to those in attendance. Morton asked if there were any additions and/or corrections.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried; three ayes.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to discuss.

Bills and Receipts: See Treasurer's report.

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

Reports:

Planning Commission – No report.

Rec Board – We have decided that use of the recreation building will not be available for public use during the winter months. We will reopen the building for use in April.

Road Superintendent's Report – The month of November we have done a little of everything from ditching to fixing a few bad spots. Don and John went to Stephenson Equipment to check out a new tractor-mower for trimming the roads to cut back some of the overgrowth before having a tree company cut the bigger stuff to open up the roads. Maybe we can have more trimmed if we use the mower more. We also have had mounts put on the dump truck so that we can use a conveyor set-up to build the edges of the roads up before putting gravel down or fixing washout along roads. Dan Mailliard came in to help plow and put antiskid down while Brian was on vacation. In our garage time we have been fixing equipment. We welded the sub frame on the International, fixed the battery box on the backhoe and F-550, fixed lights on the Mack and did some clean-up in the garage. We also got all our antiskid for the winter. Now we need to wait to see what December brings. We also had to put six new tires on the F-550, saving the old ones to put back on in the spring, plus we put two new batteries in the backhoe. Thanks! --- John

Tax Collection Committee – No report.

Web Site Report – There were 115 visitors to the township website for the month of November. John Lawrence asked if we could put an ad on the website for getting people to work for the 2020 census at \$18/hr.

Old Business -

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

Amish building code infractions – The supervisors are going to look into one more option and if that doesn't work, harsh measures may have to be taken. Our SEO is going to contact our solicitor.

Possible selling of old brine tanks, spreader, and disc – WIP. James is looking into Municibids.

Signs for pavilions – WIP. Scott Wheelock is working on this.

Local trailers for sale – We are looking at buying a trailer in the 12 or 14 thousand pounds range.

Welder and ceiling fan – We upgraded the size of the welder and got a sixty inch ceiling fan.

ADA compliant quote for township building entrance – A more specific description is needed to get a more accurate quote.

New table/chairs for meeting room – We are still looking at updating the office and meeting area of the township building.

Ford options for 2019/2020 – We have decided to hold on to the truck for a while longer.

Rec dumpster – We will have it put away after the December rental.

Mowing tractor – The supervisors have looked into getting a new berm mower and tractor.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to purchase the mower/tractor from Stephenson Equipment Inc. Motion carried; three ayes.

Essay for bicentennial birthday of township – The supervisors decided to reward \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for 3rd place.

New Business:

Budget 2020 – The 2020 budget is now ready for approval. The general township budget is \$241,541 for income and \$213,174 for expenses. The liquid fuel budget is \$153,743 for income and \$156,500 for expenses.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to adopt Resolution 2019-3 to approve the 2019 final budget. Motion carried; three ayes.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to adopt Resolution 2019-4 to retain the real estate millage at the rate of 4.0 with 1.0 mill designated for the Fire Fund in 2020. Motion carried; three ayes.

**Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to adopt Resolution 2019-5 to retain the township per capita at \$5.00. Motion carried; three ayes.

Vogt service call/gas well/furnaces – The supervisors are going to get a propane tank for the furnace in the garage. The furnace in the office needs to be replaced at some point because it is around 30 years old.

Grader accident – Farmers Insurance has been calling about details of the accident.

Meeting with Jennifer from DEC – There are possible grants and pipe replacement on Castile Rd.

List of new buildings for tax assessor – We will use the list that the insurance company sent.

Year-end meeting – Monday, December 30th at 6 pm.

Citizens` Comments and Concerns

John Lawrence suggested to put an ad in the paper about no tax increase for Richmond Township. He also mentioned that the suggestion for the state police tax is back again.

*** Motion made by James, seconded by Sharpe, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; three ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary