

February 6, 2025

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, John Lawrence, Deanna Potts, John Flaugh, Mike Lokuta, and Chuck Himes.

Minutes of the January 6, 2025: 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 with an amendment to the attendance. Motion carried; three ayes.

Correspondence:

Crawford County Conservation District – an email was sent inviting supervisors to an annual dinner on Thursday, February 20 at noon at the Kelly Ballroom

Crawford County Planning – sent a rough draft of the SALDO ordinance they plan to pass

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 – John sent a summary of the January meeting.

Rec Board – No report.

Road Master's Report – The month of January has been busy plowing snow, sometimes three times in a day. We also have been putting skid down. We have had a few break downs on the Mack: brake cannister air valve and hydraulic hose. The Chevy had an electrical problem on the transmission. At the end of the month the roads became very bad with hard pack snow due to melting because of the rain. Watch out for us when we are out plowing or working on the roads.

Tax Collection Committee – No report.

Web Site Report – There were 153 people.

Old Business -

Groundskeeper – WIP.

Quotes for frame replacement – Telephone quotes were received for the purchase of a new frame for the '94 Volvo: Toplovich's Repair for \$16550, Trux LLC for \$16875, Rt. 19 for \$17354.

**Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to purchase the frame from Toplovich's Repair. Motion carried; three ayes.

Quotes for diesel – Telephone quotes were received for on road diesel: Melzer's Fuel Service for \$2.65/gal, Klasen for \$3.019/gal, Reed Oil for \$2.94/gal.

**Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to purchase on road diesel from Melzer's Fuel Service for 2025. Motion carried; three ayes.

Equipment updates – Both Grasshopper mowers need serviced. John will contact Greenhill Farms to come to pick them up.

Fuel pump update for diesel tank – The meter has been put on the fuel pump.

Road concerns- The roads have been maintained well considering the weather.

Upcoming vacations- none

New Business:

World of Mazes cabins – There was an article in the paper on January 25th. Chuck said that he is planning to remove the cabins that are there. He would like to put in commercial restrooms with cottages on the property. Cottages would be rented out on the weekends.

County SALDO proposal – Potts attended the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance meeting last week. John Lawrence is recommending that Richmond Township creates their own SALDO before the County SALDO comes into effect. Also, Potts recommends that a letter be drafted from our township with our letterhead expressing the concerns with the County SALDO ordinance.

Possible grants –

- 1) Castile Road bridge – we will investigate possibilities
- 2) WWII arch memorial – Potts has been working with Betty Tomer in writing grants. The LOWE's grant is available. We will also look at soliciting funds from the community.
- 3) Playground – we can apply for the DCNR grant

Increase in rental fees at the Recreation Complex – Anyone who already has rentals lined up this year will remain at the current price for this year.

**Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to increase the pavilion rentals to \$75/day and the building rental to \$125/day. Motion carried; three ayes.

Possible ordinance for newly constructed utilities on John Brown Rd – At the Planning Commission meeting, it was suggested that an ordinance be passed that prohibited any utility lines from being constructed over the tannery area. Potts feels that this is not necessary as we could address the situation prior to the construction, as well as any landowner has the right to see the proposal before that construction happens.

Change primary BCO –

**Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to change the township's primary BCO to Ian Gorske. Motion carried; three ayes.

Positions up for re-election – We need an auditor and a supervisor. Kathleen Wheelock is running for tax collector.

2025 PSATS Convention – Bob Potts is willing to go. And we will have the same per diem as last year.

Spring Newsletter – Information is needed for the newsletter. Please send info by March meeting.

Citizens` Comments and Concerns

Chuck Himes said that he received a letter that told him to remove his sign on St. Hwy 77. He is concerned about the regulations being made for businesses.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary