

November 7, 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 (via phone) and Sharpe (via phone), Rhonda Phillips, Scott Wheelock, Kathleen Wheelock, and Laura Morton.

Minutes of the October 3, 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:

Mark Corey and Associates- Thanksgiving card

Randolph Township- sent a RTK request asking for all pay rates for employees

Art Hoffman- wrote a letter stating that he will not pay for the signs that he requested

PennDOT- notice stating that they are holding a winter services meeting on November 19th and inviting supervisors and road crew to attend

Partner Assessment Corporation- asking for information pertaining to permits, zoning requirements, site plans, etc. for PM Bus, Inc. No records have been found for 2002 when this business was first established.

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 – Lower attendance than for Trunk-or-Treat than previous years. There were 7-8 cars there with approximately 200 trick-or-treaters.

Road Master's Report – The month of October we have been out berming roads, getting the water to run off. A lot of the roads have a buildup of materials so that the water does not get to the ditches. We have been getting trucks ready for the winter. We have not been doing too much grading due to no moisture in roads; it will not pack back in. We will be out taking care of problem spots so watch out for us. Thanks.

Tax Collection Committee – No report.

Website Report – No report.

Old Business:

Update on meter for diesel pump – WIP.

Update on WW II arch memorial – WIP. Waiting for a response on the T-Mobile grant. Potts is looking into other grant opportunities through Michele Brooks office.

Groundskeeper for 2025 – Dwight Hall is interested.

Removal of stumps between pavilions/quotes – They are going begin removing them in a couple of weeks.

Update on solar ordinance – WIP. Potts meet with the solicitor, who gave good feedback on the ordinance proposed. The solicitor recommended one that was shorter and directed toward townships like ours that do not have zoning. The solicitor is working on that revision.

Allocate balance of ARPA funds- there was discussion of using the balance of the funds to cover past expenses of aggregates.

****Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to move the remaining balance of \$21,599.03 into the Liquid Fuels fund to cover past costs of aggregates. Motion carried; three ayes.**

Possible hire of part-time road crew- Potts talked with Mark Keister about starting at the pay rate of \$16.50 for part-time plow operator.

General election day report- There were 614 people who came to vote.

Second preliminary budget meeting recap- The township has been able to stay within their budget and will result no tax increase for the residents.

Fall newsletter- We have decided not to have a fall newsletter.

New Business -

Truck equipment updates – John has been looking for somewhere to get the tandem inspected. Navy Run will not inspect it.

Rebels Ball Team – They are requesting exclusive use of the Recreation Complex and ball fields on June 20th-22nd. Discussion was made to charge the Rebels half of the cost that the township could potentially make by renting the pavilions and building for those three days. A contract would need to be signed.

****Motion made by Sharpe, seconded by Potts, for the Rebels to rent the Richmond Recreation Complex for \$165 on June 20th to 22nd. Motion carried; three ayes.**

Outside Ball Teams – Two groups are looking to rent the Recreation Complex and ball fields May 16th-18th and May 30th-June 1st.

****Motion made by Sharpe, seconded by Potts, for the two groups to rent the Richmond Recreation Complex for \$330 on May 16th-18th and May 30th -June 1st. Motion carried; three ayes.**

Rec dumpster – We will cancel winter pickup for the dumpster at the Rec Complex. John will put it in the shed.

2025 preliminary budget –

****Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to approve the 2025 preliminary budget. General Fund: revenue \$270,857 and expenses \$266,650; Liquid Fuels: revenue \$142,916 and expenses \$130,100. Motion carried; three ayes.**

****Motion made by Potts, seconded by Sharpe, to advertise that the 2025 budget is available for citizen's review. Motion carried; three ayes.**

Upcoming vacations – John will be out for surgery on November 26th and December 10th and Dan Mailliard will cover for him.

Citizens` Comments and Concerns

No comments brought before the board.

**** Motion made by Morton, seconded by Potts, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; three ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Phillips
Township Secretary