

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – June 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Riverton Township Board was called to order at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall by Supervisor Dittmer. Board members present were Gary Dittmer, Cindy Gerbers, Kristi Griffis, Todd VanNortwick, and Greg Thurow. There were two residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

A motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Treasurer Griffis to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read, motion was made by Trustee Thurow, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to approve the treasurer report, all in favor, motion carried.

**GUEST:**

N/A

**SHERIFF:**

N/A

**FIRE CHIEF:**

56 calls to date. Pancake breakfast served about 580+, raised about \$4,200 for the Anderson family and profited about \$15,000 for the department.

Two projects in the works, one is the furnace for the back building, quote from Chris Carr of \$3,450 plus about \$500 for electrical and finish work. Treasurer Griffis made a motion to approve up to \$4,000, supported by Supervisor Dittmer, all in favor, motion carried. Second project is starting to replace the pavement in front of the bays. Contacted Dave Stakenas, have not heard back yet.

Waiting to do insulation in the ceiling.

Had boat out on bass lake, runs nice.

**ASSESSOR:**

Quiet, tax bills go out July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Board of Review, July 18, 2023 to correct error in industrial facility. There is an issue with Indian Summer's ITF. They are in arrears, Treasurer Griffis has been working on the issue since September, working with the County Treasurer and Equalization. Mike Banninga to call Indian Summer to explain and work with Treasurer Griffis to get issue resolved.

**COMMISSIONER:**

Discussion a request for additional staff in the prosecutor's office (new assistance prosecutor, new clerical staff, current assistant prosecutor to contracting.

Consideration of millage levy, looking at November ballot.

Seeking to retain a consultant to help locate potential applicants for the Administrator position.

Decide on proposal for a detailed cost estimate for a county wide turn-key fiber optic broad band from Aspen Smart works/B&M ashman, roughly around \$168,000, will take about 3 months. County has funds around \$5,000,000 earmarked for broad band.

Several parties showing interest in the surplus 40 acres by airport, behind Lowe's and contiguous to Amber property.

Interest in Solar discussion with PA116, many setbacks will be required.

Council on Aging, disbanded, still looking for an Administrator.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

**SUPERVISOR:**

- Trustee Thurow – Call to Jesse Peterson in regard to the parking lot, going to work on quote. Headstones cleaned; kids really enjoyed it.
- Treasurer Griffis – working on mortgage codes.
- Trustee VanNortwick - new culvert on Marrison Road. Annual request for ball diamonds, seeking \$200 for new field equipment, a motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Clerk Gerbers, all in favor, motion carried.
- Clerk Gerbers – West Shore Bank is running a CD special right now for 9 months at 5.20%, Clerk Gerbers recommends transferring the ARPA funds to this special. A motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee Thurow to open a CD, all in favor, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Dittmer received an email for Taylor Sheely in regard to creating a website. Clerk Gerbers will reach out to Marlynn Gulembo to get her view on their website and share with all. Supervisor Dittmer will contact Taylor to get more information.

Clerk Gerbers made a motion to have the floor redone with the ceramic seal, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to have this completed in November, all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Dittmer received a letter from County Treasurer Kemitz in regard to grant funding for blight properties looking for assistance. Currently there are not any in the township.

**PRESENTATION OF CHECKS** – See attached, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee VanNortwick that invoices be accepted and paid, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M. until **Monday July 10, 2023** at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers  
Township Clerk