

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – August 7, 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 five (5) residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

A motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee VanNortwick 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:

11 calls for service in June / 11 calls for service in July

Our boat sunk in Hamlin, looking at getting a new one in the range of \$175,000 next year.

Traffic safety initiative on US 10.

FIRE CHIEF:

96 calls for service year to date.

Our boat is all ready to go. Will be doing training in the near future with Lake County. They are hoping to be able to utilize us if they have a water emergency.

ASSESSOR:

Business as normal.

Board of Review had one property where the classification correction. Treasurer Griffis will be sending corrected billing in the near future.

COMMISSIONER:

Walsh Municipal Service accepted bid to help find new County Administrator.

County has approved the purchase of a new vehicle and a third SRO for schools.

Marine boat Sherriff mentioned is a year out.

Audit for County was very good, county is very solvent.

Broadband is still on the radar; however, it has been pushed back for a bit.

County looking for new areas for Electric Charging Stations.

Susan Evans has accepted the position for the Senior Service Coordinator, part time – 20 hours/week.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Janice VanNortwick mentioned that everything is ready for Saturday, Clean-up day.

Peggy Dittmer mentioned the Household Hazardous Waste collection is Saturday, August 19, 2023 at the Mason County Road Commission.

Andrew Archey Jr., Andrew Archey Sr. and Lynette Archey were present, looking for information on mini homes. Assessor Banninga suggested that they contact zoning, Commissioner Hull informed them that the minimum size must be 760 sq feet. They also had a question about land splits, Assessor Banninga will assist with that.

SUPERVISOR:

- Trustee Thurow – no report.
- Treasurer Griffis – no report.
- Trustee VanNortwick - Ball fields were very busy this season. Scottville and Ludington teams are using them more as well. Jennifer Stepka is asking about weed control for next year for the t-ball diamonds. Roads are good.
- Clerk Gerbers – questioned the brining bill, the material used was over by 5% than estimated from previous years. A motion was made to pay the original contract amount for brining and to open up for discussion by Supervisor Dittmer, supported by Greg Thurow, all in favor, motion carried. Received a notice from the auditor, Sarah Kanitz, Lake Michigan CPA Services to prepare our F-65, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to provide the requested the information and for Ms. Kanitz to prepare the required F-65, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking lot is in progress, work is being done, the sand is in, there are a few stumps to be removed.

Septic drain field was found, installed in 2004, Malburg Sanitation pumped it out, said the tank looked fine. We have applied for a permit to relocate the drain field. Field will run N-S towards the back of the lot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Received complaint from a rental that the hall does not have any air condition or windows that will open. We will look further into this for possible fixes in the future.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS – See attached, a motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Trustee Thurow that invoices be accepted and paid in the amount of \$14,775.87, 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 September 11, 2023** at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk