

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – December 4, 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 (2) residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

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

Treasurer's report was read, motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee VanNortwick to approve the treasurer report, all in favor, motion carried.

GUEST:

N/A

SHERIFF:

13 calls for service last month.

Jail contract negotiations are going on currently.

FIRE CHIEF:

All man doors have been replaced, will paint in the spring. New big doors on the buildings for a cost of \$21,000, includes two dormers over doors to divert snow.

Recently received two grants, one from the Community Foundation and the other from Michigan Power Limited. These will help purchase a steel back blower to help put out grass fires.

In the spring, need to look at the parking lot out front.

We have smoke detectors available if you know of anyone that needs one, have them contact me. We also have 4 combination Carbon monoxide/smoke detectors available.

ASSESSOR:

December Board of Review is schedule for December 12, if needed, right now there is nothing.

Change notices go out in February.

COMMISSIONER:

Workshop coming up, focusing on transparency, anything the county has control of will be posted on the website.

The MSU Extension office has a lot of different things to help townships and groups if the need is there. Contact James Kelley. They have offerings that are more than just agriculture.

Looking at having a flight school at the airport again.

Cyber concerns – all county employees will have to go through training or they will lose access.

Sherriff is looking to get/update to encrypted radios.

The County is running out of space in the storage vault, looking at digitizing many of the documents.

Currently reviewing the 5 year plan for the zoning office. Looking at the possibility of short term rentals, there has been a lot of interest in that.

New administrator has been selected. Originally from the Mesick area, has lots of energy/good experience.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

A resident asked about the salting during the winter, is that going to be coming to an end or changing with the issues over the brine? Not sure what alternatives there are for salting, but everything must be logged as far as who, what, where and when. Will update all if we hear anything more.

Peggy Dittmer wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

SUPERVISOR:

- Trustee Thurow – no report
- Treasurer Griffis – no report
- Trustee VanNortwick - per Janice VanNortwick, next year's clean up will be August 10, 2024.
- Clerk Gerbers – no report

OLD BUSINESS:

Rural Fire Authority is looking for a person to represent Riverton. Please pass along any names.

The agreement with West MI Shoreline Regional Development was discussed, for up keep on the cemetery records, a motion was made by Trustee Thurow, supported by Trustee VanNortwick to allow Supervisor Dittmer to sign the contract with for annual up keep in the amount of \$997.00 with the contingency to be reviewed annually. All in favor, motion carried.

Still researching architectures for the renovations of the hall. Supervisor Dittmer recently spoke with Ryan Wook with RAM, he said he could put plans together for roughly \$1,000. Will keep all updated on the research.

The floor has been refinished. What to do with chairs, remove the big oversized chairs, will look at alternatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

The renewal of the AT& T Metro act was discussed. A motion was made by Supervisor Dittmer to renew the contract authorizing Clerk Gerbers to sign, supported by Trustee VanNortwick, all in favor, motion carried.

Documentation was given to Supervisor Dittmer from Charter Communications in regards to broadband. This will be postponed until further notice while the documents are being researched.

The Road Commission has asked that we start thinking about road projects for next year. They would like to see Anthony Road paved on the hill off Stiles.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS – See attached, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Treasurer Griffis that invoices be accepted and paid in the amount of \$25,542.71, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. until **Monday January 8, 2024** at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk