

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – October 9, 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 Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Clerk Gerbers to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**GUEST:**

N/A

**SHERIFF:**

N/A

**FIRE CHIEF:**

15 calls last month, 5 in Riverton.

**ASSESSOR:**

Renewed license for another year. Board of Review on December 12, 2023 @ 2 pm, must be published in the paper.

**COMMISSIONER:**

Two major projects in the County for next year, remodel of the courthouse, more user friendly, adding another courtroom, roughly around \$250,000. If the township has any ideas, please let Commission Hull know. Treasurer Griffis asked about adding restrooms, he will inquire about that.

The second project is at the airport. Two intersecting runways, to keep the funding with the FFA, looking at shortening the longer runway, however, we would like to shorten the shorter runway by about 1,000 feet, cost would be about \$1.5 million, county would have to fund \$68,000 of that. Possibly Spring of 2024.

The Special Revenue budget shy of \$2 million and the General fund budget around \$16 million, looking to approve both at the meeting tomorrow.

Discussion was held at the county level in regard to the Solar/Wind development. The county would like to keep local control, will be sending correspondence to State Representative and State Senator in regard to such.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Barry Pleiness and Angie Taylor were in attendance. Discussed the bond proposals for Mason County Central. School has to spend as stated in the proposals. Supervisor Dittmer asked how the interest is/will be paid, if it comes out of the bond monies or different. Angie will find that out and report back.

**SUPERVISOR:**

- Trustee Thurow – received bill for spraying the ball diamonds. Trustee Thurow question residents putting fence posts along property line for snow removal, this is not permitted by the Road Commission, resident is liable if posts are hit and hurts someone, Road Commission should be pulling posts.
- Treasurer Griffis – no report.
- Trustee VanNortwick - Johnson Landscaping provided estimates for cleanup around the hall, cemetery and fire barn fall clean up in the amount of \$475 ad \$200, a motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Clerk Gerbers, to accept estimates, all in favor, motion carried. We will stay with Johnson’s for snowplowing as their estimate was good for two years.
- Clerk Gerbers – no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Parking lot is in progress, work is being done, the sand is in, gravel is in. Will need to trench for lighting, should contact C & I Electric to see about how many lights will be needed. Project is suspended until Spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approached by MCRC in regard to Conrad Road, west of Scottville Road, about putting gravel down. After discussion, this request is suspended until Spring.

Supervisor Dittmer has a meeting scheduled with Kevin Motyka to discuss options for the bathroom renovation. Will update board at next meeting.

Old Engine Club want to rent the hall for next year, after discussion, it was decided to not charge the \$10 rent fee each month as a courtesy for the upcoming year.

The Mason County Officers Association meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023, at the Branch township hall.

Commissioner Hull talked about the Solar/Wind development and how the County would like to keep control of decision making. A motion was made by Supervisor Dittmer, to approve a resolution that Riverton Township is not in favor of the State having the authority and have Clerk Gerbers sign, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor, motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be mailed to the Senator and State Representative.

**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 \$72,303.76, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M. until **Monday November 6, 2023** at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers  
Township Clerk