

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – September 11, 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, Greg Thurow, and Todd VanNortwick. There were two 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.

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

GUEST:

N/A

SHERIFF:

13 calls for service last month.

FIRE CHIEF:

Chief Cooper indicated that they would use the rest of the funds approved for the building upgrades for blown in insulation.

ASSESSOR:

Recently attended the Mason County Assessors meeting, not a lot was discussed, was nice to chat with other assessors in the area.

New construction in Riverton consists of six (6) new pole buildings, five (5) new homes, three (3) garages/porch additions.

COMMISSIONER:

Released approval for ad in regards to the search for Fabion on September 1, 2023, will run for amount a month.

County approved the extension of the courthouse security contact for another three (3) years.

County approved additional cameras to be placed on the outside of the courthouse. Also approved that the closed-circuit TV security devices (about 68 cameras) for the corrections will be upgraded. If the county stays with the contractor that did the work before, new cameras should not have to be purchased, just upgraded.

County is currently reviewing the 5-year capital expense plans for all departments.

The annual budget workshop is on October 26.

Senior Center appropriations, four (4) centers will receive what they requested, funds are still available. HELP Ministries and MCC have not requested funds at this time.

There is a planning/zoning meeting tomorrow, 09.12.23. In 2022 there were 225 permits issued county wide.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Peggy Dittmer indicated that the Household Hazardous Waste collection went well, roughly 19,000 lbs. and 600 gallons of oil were collected.

Janice VanNortwick reported to the board that the Annual Township Cleanup Day went well, with 72 loads from residents being collected, which was up a little bit from last year.

SUPERVISOR:

- Trustee Thurow – checked with Turf Care of Ludington regarding spraying the ball diamonds, their estimate was \$140 per diamond. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Dittmer, supported by Trustee Thurow to have the fields sprayed now and the re-evaluate in the spring if needed again. All in favor, motion carried.
- Treasurer Griffis – taxes are coming in good.
- Trustee VanNortwick - No report.
- Clerk Gerbers – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Dittmer met with Jamie to finish up the cemetery work, still a little to be done, needs information from Sexton Dittmer. Discussed with her a Maintenance Contract which would consist of about 9 hours annually in the amount of \$997/annually. After discussion as to what this would all include, a motion was made by Supervisor Dittmer, supported by Trustee VanNortwick to approve the contract and have it renegotiated yearly, all in favor, motion carried.

Parking lot update – sewer system is in, left old tank, added another, drain field has been moved to the far end and runs N/S. Petersen's put additional sand in than originally quoted for Phase 1, next step is putting down gravel.

Road update – our projects are completed for the year, all look good.

Annual Clean up day went well, thank you to the Sheriff's department for the trustees that assisted. We are looking at the second weekend of August in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Dittmer was contacted by Steve Carlson. There is a planning group in Muskegon that is looking at Hazard Assessments and would like us to provide information to him if our Township is in need of anything. Supervisor Dittmer asked if Trustee VanNortwick could contact Mr. Carlson and see what is needed.

A question had been asked if we allow hunting on Township property, in review, our insurance company does not recommend allowing hunting. A motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to not allow hunting on Township property, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee VanNortwick found for sale 32' light poles in Traverse City via Facebook marketplace. He will check on the availability of these and report back to the board.

Next meeting please bring ideas for a bathroom remodel and a possible entrance on the north side of the building.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS – See attached, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee Thuro that invoices be accepted and paid in the amount of \$143,356.05, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. until **Monday, October 9, 2023** at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk