

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – January 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Riverton Township Board was called to order at 7:25 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall by Supervisor Dittmer. Board members present were Gary Dittmer, Cindy Gerbers, Kristi Griffis, and Todd VanNortwick. Absent – Greg Thurow. There were two residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

A motion was made by Treasurer Griffis, 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 Clerk Gerbers, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to approve the treasurer report, all in favor, motion carried.

GUEST:

N/A

SHERIFF:

6 calls for service last month. For the 2023 year, there was a total of 146 calls for the township.

FIRE CHIEF:

The yearly report was given to all board members, please see attached.

The department has requested bids for fencing, believe pricing will be between \$6,000 - \$12,000. Will update board at next meeting.

ASSESSOR:

Oceana County will be holding Board of Review training if we have any members that need training. Supervisor Dittmer will check with Carl Andersen.

COMMISSIONER:

New deputy Administrator started January 2, working with Fabian for one year.

County approved new union contract for county employees, tried to get three (3) years, got four (4) – 1st year will be a 5% increase, 2nd – 4%, 3rd – 4% and 4th year – 4%.

Looking for an architect for the courthouse, looking to add a second court room.

County is gearing up for a housing development project, have set aside \$5,000,000 for project, affordable individual homes is the goal.

Organizational meeting tomorrow to choose officers for upcoming year.

Mason County has no police authority for short term rentals to enforce rules, this will be discussed in the future.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Peggy Dittmer mentioned that tomorrow at the Senior Center will be honoring Law Enforcement, will have a small luncheon and speaker. Public is welcome.

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 – absent.
- Treasurer Griffis – Liquor commission sent her a letter. We don't have any in Riverton, it was suggested to put NA on all items, sign and send back.
- Trustee VanNortwick - No report.
- Clerk Gerbers – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Met with a 'designer' for the possible hall improvements for the restrooms. He was supposed to get agreement, but have not received it yet, indicated that the cost for the plans and follow up would be approximately \$3,800. We will look into grants for ADA compliant construction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Dittmer has come up with a list of possible road work for the coming year. Will get to road commission for pricing. Trustee VanNortwick indicated that the culvert that crosses Anthony road looks good, don't see a need to pave the hill. Hawley/Brye – road looks nice, however, water isn't running into the spill ways.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS – See attached, a motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Supervisor Dittmer, that invoices be accepted and paid in the amount of \$9,891.22, 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, February 5, 2024** at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk