

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – May 6, 2024

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.

The 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:

N/A

FIRE CHIEF:

30 calls for April, 64 calls to date.

Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, May 11.

ASSESSOR:

Mike Banninga is retiring, Supervisor Dittmer thanked him for his years of service for the Township. Mike indicated that he would continue and assist with the transition of a new assessor.

COMMISSIONER:

N/A

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Peggy Dittmer mentioned that the Household Hazardous Waste collection is the following Saturday after our cleanup day in August.

Janice VanNortwick indicated that everything is ready for the Clean-up Day, will be mailing cards soon. She will contact the Sheriff for a few trustees.

Becky Lederer was in attendance. She is running for Prosecuting attorney, introduced herself.

David Bendele was in attendance. He introduced himself. Dave is running for Mason County Drain Commissioner.

Greg Barnett was in attendance. He has submitted a letter of interest for the assessor position. He introduced himself and answered a few questions.

SUPERVISOR:

- Trustee Thurow – had a conversation with Tom at Great Lakes Energy. He asked that we get a list of items that we are interested in working on. Sounds like we pay for it and then submit a request for the rebate.
- Treasurer Griffis – no report.
- Trustee VanNortwick - 4 baseball teams will be using the North diamond this year. 1 t-ball team and 1 girls softball team will be utilizing the South field. He would like to see the second phase of the parking lot started in the new future.
- Clerk Gerbers – Porta-Jons have been ordered for the ball diamonds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roads - we will be getting one brine at 40% this year with a cost of \$52,000. If we happen to need a second brine, we will have to go back to the old mixture.

A rendering was handed out to all board members of the possible hall expansion. All were asked to review and come back with suggestions. Treasurer Griffis mentioned that the storage room for the election equipment might need a cement floor. Clerk Gerbers will check on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

During a recent rental, there was damage to the floor in the kitchen area. Do we send back the deposit? For now, it was decided not to return the deposit. Clerk Gerbers is going to check with the insurance agent on deductible. A discussion in regards to increasing the rental fee and deposit fee was held. Clerk Gerbers will poll other jurisdictions to see what they are doing.

Mason County Treasurer, Andrew Kemitz, contacted Supervisor Dittmer in regard to property at the corner of Chauvez/Scottville road that is going to tax sale, was wondering if the township wanted it. After discussion, it was decided to the property go to tax sale. A motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick and supported by Clerk Gerbers that the township does not purchase and authorized Supervisor Dittmer to sign on behalf of the township with the County Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.

A discussion was had in regard to the hiring of an assessor, it was decided to call a special meeting to interview all potential candidates. The meeting will be held June 3, 2024, at 7 PM.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS – See attached, a motion was made by Trustee Thurow, supported by Supervisor Dittmer that invoices be accepted and paid in the amount of \$10,178.58, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. until **Monday, July 8, 2024**, at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk