

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – January 6, 2025

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 and one (1) in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

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

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

Treasurer's report was read for January, motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to approve the treasurer report, with the correction in the addition of hall rental to Tami Hawke, all in favor, motion carried

SHERIFF:

N/A

FIRE CHIEF:

Handed out yearend report, available upon request.

187 calls for service in 2024.

Trustee Thurow asked how things were going with the Rural Fire Authority, Chief Cooper said a little better.

ASSESSOR:

Assessor Barnett indicated that he needed the townships updated resolutions with the new poverty level prior to the Board of Review meeting in March. These will be available to him after the March 10, 2025, meeting.

COMMISSIONER:

County is looking at the tree line by the airport to see if trimming needs to be done via drone. They are in the process of talking with property owners on the North and East end.

The results of the runway issue in 2024, the airport shortened the short runway and left the long on as is.

County is still researching uses for the 40 acre parcel that was purchased by the airport.

The Planning Commission is researching Solar Farms, it is looking like the county ordinances are going to stay as they are without changes. DTE Energy would like to change about 7-8 of them, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Tom Kolina was in attendance, he is with the group Friends of the Pool, which are attempting to save the pool at West Shore Community College. Mr. Kolina passed out a card with information in regard to the pool, talked about the programs that could be offered and urged board members and residents to email the trustees of the WSCC to support the need for the pool and to include it with the upcoming renovations. The card is available for review, if requested.

Resident William Schwass was in attendance and asked the board to consider additional gravel work on Kinney Road between Schwass and Stiles when looking at road projects for 2025.

SUPERVISOR:

- Trustee Thurow – still chasing down information for the Great Lakes Energy rebate. Clerk Gerbers will email the bill from C & I Electric that is needed.
- Treasurer Griffis – no report.
- Trustee VanNortwick - no report.
- Clerk Gerbers – would like a signature stamp for check, this is within the clerk's expense, one can be ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Gerbers has received a complaint about the new parking lot lights, please see attached to meeting packet. Supervisor Dittmer has also received a few complaints, all that the lights are too bright. Per Trustee Thurow, there is a setting that can be changed, currently he believes it is set to the brightest, he will get with Andy at C & I Electric to get that adjusted. We will try this and see what the results are. There is also a switch that can be turned off when the hall is into rented, Clerk Gerbers indicated that the power bill has increased about \$200 a month due to the new lights. We will keep an eye on the changes and further assess as necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

A brining estimate/contact was presented to the board at a cost of \$54,465.00, with an as needed clause in the contract. A motion was made by Supervisor Dittmer, supported by Trustee VanNortwick to accept the estimate/contract and have Supervisor Dittmer and Clerk Gerbers sign the contract, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dittmer would like to meet with the Road Commission like was done in 2024 when we have road projects figured out.

Supervisor Dittmer presented an estimate for the cemetery maintenance which is from WayfinderGIS for an annual fee estimated at \$1,170.00 (not to exceed). This is a new company created by the person that did all the mapping, she has left the other company. A motion was made by Supervisor Dittmer, supported by Clerk Gerbers, to accept the contract/estimate amount, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dittmer asked Chief Cooper and Assistant Chief VanNortwick if they have been satisfied with Ralph Lundberg as our representative on the Rural Fire Authority board, they indicated that they are and that they are happy with his input, and he has done a good job. They would support him for another term on the board.

Supervisor Dittmer made a motion to have the following individuals as Board of Review members, Colin Saxton, Carl Anderson, Tyler Martz and Gayle Wright, Trustee Thurow supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Dittmer will do some research in regard to Handi-cap parking on the front lot as we need to designate spots and get signs. Will have for next meeting.

Clerk Gerbers mentioned having storage for the election equipment. Supervisor Dittmer suggested figuring out exactly what is needed for the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS – approval requested for December check payments in the amount of \$17,392.11, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers to approve, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval was requested for the January check payments in the amount of \$12,736.43, a motion was made by Treasurer Griffis, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. until **Monday March 10, 2025**, at 7:30 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk