

## RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – March 10, 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 was one (1) resident in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

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

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

Treasurer's report was read for February, motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, 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:**

December 13 calls for service, January 5 calls for service, February 8 calls for service

### **FIRE CHIEF:**

27 calls for service to date 2025.

Pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Looking to possible replace concrete pad by man door of fire station.

### **ASSESSOR:**

Greg was not in attendance. Board of Review is 03/10/2025 and 03/11/2025, board meets with Greg on 03/13/25 to discuss sessions and finalize reports.

Possibly need to look at getting a laptop for use at Board of Review.

### **COMMISSIONER:**

Senior services in area under assessment, looking at doing a survey as to what the county might need to offer.

With the resignation of the Emergency Manager, Janet is filling in, we are looking at replacing the position. Looking at possibly having John O'Conner being an Interim Manager.

County is looking at adding a Finance Director to assist with the new Administrator position.

The county is in the process of having the property at the end of Chauvez and PM Highway appraised. It is possible that the county could purchase this property at ¼ of the appraised value, looking at options on how the county might be able to utilize this property.

Promise Zone, started in 2018 with about 90 students utilizing the program. 2024 there were 209 students that utilized the program. Supervisor Dittmer asked how the program fits in with the Governors program, Commissioner Hull is not sure that program came to fruition.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

NA

**SUPERVISOR:**

- Trustee VanNortwick – received complaints from residents on snow removal by the Road Commission, winter was harder this year than in past, but when RC was called about drifting, residents were told that if one lane was open, the road was travelable. Drains and spillways need to be cleaned out.
- Treasurer Griffis – no report.
- Trustee Thurow - Lights have been adjusted down, now on a timer when in use. Electric bill is still high and rising, Trustee Thurow will contact C & I Electric to come out and check for any issues that might be drawing power.
- Clerk Gerbers – QuickBooks update has been done due to accountant not providing us with payroll any longer. Trying to get used to the new system. We can now offer direct deposit if anyone would like to take advantage of that feature.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Hall renovations, please let the board know what is needed and/or thoughts. Bruce Wagner is willing to put something together, just needs to know what we are looking to do.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Four (4) resolutions were presented for Board of Review –

2025-01 Authorization to allow local resident to Protest in writing a motion by Trustee Thurow, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to adopt this resolution, all in favor, motion carried.

2025-02 Establishing Poverty guidelines, a motion by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to adopt this resolution, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions 2025-03 and 2025-04 were tabled until we can discuss with Assessor Barnett.

A request for a road sign has been submitted via letter by a resident on W Kistler Rd. There is a blind resident and a small child at another resident on the road. After discussion, it was recommended to contact Sheriff Cole for his input on this.

The southern end of the township has some stop signs that are deteriorating in color. Contact should be made to the Road Commission for maintenance on these signs. The board has authorized Supervisor Dittmer to draft a letter to the Road Commission in regard to the stop signs and that upgrades need to be done.

Supervisor Dittmer handed out possible road projects for 2025-2026, please review and let him know any changes or additions to consider.

The meeting schedule was discussed. Sticking with bi-monthly meetings, however, change the day to the SECOND Monday of the month and start at 7:00 PM. A motion was made by Treasurer Griffis, supported by Clerk Gerbers, 4 yeas 1 nay, motion carried.

The Mason County Hazard Mitigation plan was presented to the board by Trustee VanNortwick. A motion was made to approve the resolution needed and approve Supervisor Dittmer to sign on behalf of the board, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor, motion carried.

There will be a special budget meeting Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM to finalize the budget. We will get it posted.

**PRESENTATION OF CHECKS** – approval requested for March check payments in the amount of \$13,631.73, a motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick to approve, supported by Supervisor Dittmer, 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 May 12, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers  
Township Clerk