

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Riverton Township Board was called to order at 7:00 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 in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

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

A motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee VanNortwick to approve the November and December treasurer reports, all in favor, motion carried. (reports are available for viewing upon request).

SHERIFF:

Not in attendance.

FIRE CHIEF:

218 calls for service in 2025. Chief Cooper presented the board with a very detailed annual report.

Chief Cooper also indicated that the department is starting to see more calls to Oceana County.

ASSESSOR:

Assessor Barnett was not in attendance. Supervisor Dittmer announced that the Board of Review dates are March 9 & 10 from 1:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

COMMISSIONER:

Housing funds, County is managing five (5) grants totaling approximately \$4,000,000. To date, 30 inspections have been done, 3 have turned into bids (program requires 3 bids per request). County possibly looking at hiring to help run this program.

County is created an Opioid Steering Committee. The first meeting will be in February. There is about \$631,000 for this program. The committee will figure the best use of these funds.

County website has been upgraded, very user-friendly.

Final budget has been approved and we are preparing for the audit.

Collective bargaining negotiations with the road patrol contracts have been finalized.

Looking to hire David Holden as the Emergency Management Director.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Janice VanNortwick was in attendance and informed the board that she will no longer coordinate the Township Clean-up days. She has coordinated this for several years, the Board thanked her for doing this task. She gave all her information to Supervisor Dittmer. Tentative date for 2026 will be August 1st.

SUPERVISOR:

- Trustee VanNortwick – would like to see (hear) more information in regards to land splits and new construction from the assessor going on in the township.
- Treasurer Griffis – no report.
- Trustee Thurow – no report.
- Clerk Gerbers – A motion was made by Clerk Gerbers for the board to give her authority to sign the Early Voting Agreement with the County as some small changes were made to the agreement, Supervisor Dittmer seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hall renovations – applied for zoning permit back in November, they have to approve and then we can apply for a building permit, along with many other permits that will be required. Will start collecting bids for the construction phase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road work for 2026 will most likely be only brining, as we will use these funds for the construction. Will continue to do general maintenance through the Road Commission.

Several townships are in conversation for a possible tire recycle. Researching options available. Will not be available for 2026, but hoping for 2027.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS –

Approval was requested for the October check payments in the amount of \$215,799.62, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee VanNortwick, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval requested for December check payments in the amount of \$6,050.52 and January check payments in the amount of \$16,517.16, a motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick to approve, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M. until **Monday March 9, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk