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February 12, 2024

The Rich Township Board met at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Members Present: Kester, Curell & Jaruzel. Absent: Scheuer & Chittick-Harvey. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Dan Hurd, Ron Gromak, Richard, Shawn, Gavin & Brad Mohr, Jack & Joan Knowlton, Mike Papiez, Terry Blackmer, Norm Stevens PH., Deb Horen, Dennis Barefoot, Matt Creator, Aaron Kester & Tom Sansote.
(No agenda since Scheuer was absent.)

Motion by Curell, supported by Kester to accept into record the minutes of the January meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Kester, supported by Jaruzel to accept into record the Treasurers' Report as presented for the General & Cemetery fund. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Curell, supported by Jaruzel to pay monthly bills from the General Fund, \$17,694.52 with checks numbered 14102 through 14123; none from the Mosquito Account; and to pay the monthly bills from the Cemetery Fund \$826.11 with checks numbered 1219 & 1220. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: Presented information by Norm Stephens about a petition to give power back to the township for solar, wind & battery storage. The new law recently passed that takes away our township control goes into effect on November 29th which makes our ordinances obsolete. He and Deb would be available after the meeting to get signatures & pass out petitions. Terry Blackmer asked about the renewal of our fire contract. Curell told him we will discuss the contract with him before next month at its renewal time. Tom Sansote asked about cemetery rules. (We will have something for him by the next meeting.) Discussion about roads.

Mike Papiez explained where the Hall planning was at and the progress they had made. They need some more information in order to move forward. Gary Curell said he would get them that information.

The Rich Township Board of Review will meet as follows: the Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at 4 pm, Public Appeal meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 12th from 9am – 3 pm, and on Thursday, March 14th from 3 pm – 9 pm.

Resolution by Curell, supported by Jaruzel to adopt a poverty guidelines resolution. Upon roll call vote, all members voted yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution by Kester, supported by Curell to adopt a resolution to allow for alternate starting dates for the July or December Board of Review. Upon roll call vote, all members voted yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Kester, supported by Jaruzel to amend the 2023 Budget in the following amounts: General Township Board \$6,500; Elections \$3,000; Drains \$10,000; and Roads \$46,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Curell, supported by Jaruzel to increase the clerks salary by \$500 per election for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Upon roll call vote, all members voted yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Kester, supported by Jaruzel to keep Treasurer and Supervisor salaries the same for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Upon roll call vote, all members voted yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Curell supported by Kester to hold a Budget Public Hearing on March 11, 2024 at 7:15 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Permits issued: None.

Motion by Curell to adjourn, supported by Kester. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Tricia Kester, Clerk

David Scheuer, Supervisor