Riley Township December 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Potts at 7:00 PM. Board members present Feldpausch, Lawless Powell, and Martens. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of discussion on accepting bids for snow plowing and the purchase of a new election's laptop. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Lawless support by Feldpausch to approve November meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of: Special Project Fund \$165687.81 General Fund Checking \$74152.10 Road and Bridge Fund \$13830.19 TOTAL \$253,669.81

Motion by Powell, support by Martens, to approve treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NONE

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Kaylee Mead – Introduction as candidate for Clinton County Clerk. She has experience as a legislative aid to Tom Leonard and is presently working for a representative out of Midland County. She shared how her professional experience has prepared her for the role as Clinton County Clerk/Register of Deeds. Service will be a priority for her if elected.

Dave Pohl – unable to attend this evening. He sent a report including that the county will be seeking a 0.85 mil in the March 2020 election. The county will be seeking a grant for a potential park in Riley Township. This will take time and is not a guarantee that funds will be granted.

Residents in attendance discussed an increased level of transparency with communication regarding ongoing matters in the township. Discussion occurred around the multiple platforms that the township has to share information with residents (website, personal communication, email, facebook, and in person at township meetings). Discussion included the potential of a digital sign that could display pertinent information and be easily updated and displayed for residents who drive by.

Pete Preston, Assessor – December Board of Review will be held on Tuesday. The county equalization shows that ag property may be reduced. Residential may be an approximate 19% increase. This will be reviewed again as it much higher than past predictions.

Roy Thelen, DAESA – Runs for Nov was 39, Riley had 4. The budgeting process will start this month. The department did a study of response times and the data was provided. The average for the year is 8.33 minutes. There were major repairs needed to one of the engines that have been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Powell, support by Lawless to reappoint Roy to DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority. Motion carried.

The Forest Hill Airport special land use permit was approved with an addendum of the good faith efforts that the company will be including to address the concerns of the neighboring properties/residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be repairs on the Bad Creek Drain.

The county passed a resolution regarding millage reports.

There is a zoning violation at 9107 Church Road. The property owner has 30 days to remedy the violation.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bill warrant presented. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve bills dated December 5, 2019. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Lawless, support by Feldpausch to adjourn, meeting closed 7:41 PM.

Respectfully,
Lisa Powell, Clerk