

TENTATIVE (pending approval May 4, 2023)

Riley Township

April 6, 2023

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Powell, support by Feldpausch to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Lawless, support by Martens to approve March 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$252933.13
General Fund Checking \$61554.54
Road and Bridge Fund \$82234.68
ARPA Designated Fund \$132379.89
Cemetery \$3805.72
TOTAL \$532907.96

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Lansing Area Economic Partnership (LEAP) Director Jaclyn Hutchinson: formal introduction of the new role as a resource for businesses both big and small for the township. In addition, LEAP works to attract new businesses to the area where appropriate. The desire is to work with the township, not in front of them. They are working to be a true partnership. It was discussed how they could be an asset for many of the home-based businesses that exist in the township.

Clinton County Commissioner Mitchell: From an emergency response perspective, the county was happy with how our radio system functioned during the shooting incident at MSU and communication was seamless between counties/agencies. The county authorized the purchase for a body scanner to screen inmates in the intake process. The internet infrastructure investment is still in the planning phase. The county planning and zoning director has provided his notice of retirement. The position will be advertised. The status of a county ordinance regarding the use of ORVs on the shoulder of the road was discussed. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to draft a letter of support to be submitted to the County Board of Commissioners and the Clinton County Sheriffs Office to support the adoption of an ordinance similar to what exists in neighboring counties. Motion carried.

Clinton County Sheriff's Department: The staff is thankful to the purchase of the body scanner for the jail as well as the use of body cameras. Riley Township continues to be quiet. There has been a significant amount of theft earlier in the year in Watertown which has quieted down lately. There continues to be year-round car deer accidents.

Preston Community Services: not present

DAESA Kevin Garvey: 33 runs last month, 6 in Riley. The floor drain at station 2 has been repaired. The appreciation dinner will be held April 22nd at 6 PM. The firefighters contributed \$2000 from their association funds to help with the cost of the recently purchased Lucas machine. Kevin expressed his gratitude for the men and women who volunteer their time and give so much to their community.

Riley Township Land Planning: there has been a lot of remediation to the Hoover farm property on Lehman Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

PC-07-23 MA: This is a request to rezone property from its existing A2 designation to the A3 class. This property is centrally located in an A2 area on the land use map. It is recommended that the township issue a letter recommending that this request be denied based on the lack of alignment with the future land use and zoning regulations.

ZC-02-23 VR: This is a request for an exception to the minimum property size requirement for split in A2 agriculture, with the property being almost 2 acres short of the minimum needed. It is recommended that the township submit a letter recommending that this request be denied, based on past precedence and consistency in application of the zoning guidelines.

The county will be working on the Bad Creek drain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road commission contracts were presented for chloride application for the 2023 season, as well as gravel for Cutler Road from Francis to Lowell. Motion by Powell, support Feldpausch by to sign provided contracts. Motion carried.

Discussion of an hourly labor rate for work that is done for miscellaneous township work. This would require prior approval of the board through a written estimate provided by the person who is either proposing the work that is being done or is being asked to do work outside of their statutory duties. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless that this be set at \$20 per hour. Motion carried.

The road commission is looking into the ability to place a short guard rail in front of the cemetery on Dexter Trail Road in lieu of the vinyl fence that exists, due to intersection slide throughs that continuously damage the existing fence.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve bills dated April 6, 2023. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully,
Lisa Powell, Clerk