

TENTATIVE (pending approval January 4, 2023)

Riley Township

December 7, 2023

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$254204.04

General Fund Checking \$83413.12

Road and Bridge Fund \$53137.34

ARPA Designated Fund \$132823.02

Cemetery \$3812.09

TOTAL \$527204.04

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A resident asked about the impact of the recently signed act regarding clean energy which removes local control of the regulation of energy sources such as solar and wind and expressed concern over the rural communities losing their voice in our communities.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Community Development Director: Raphael Kasen introduced himself and his role

County Commissioner Ken Mitchell: absent

DAESA Chair Kevin Garvey: There were 71 runs last month with 5 to Riley. There were over 80 hours of volunteer time given to the authority and community. There was a training burn held. They are in the process of hiring a lieutenant to backfill the role vacated when Kyle Hansbarger was promoted to captain. There was also discussion on how to educate the public on utilization of emergency services for non-emergent care. It was also announced that at the last meeting of the Fire Authority, which is the last one for Don after 24 years of service to the board, that the fire station at Riley Township is now named in his honor as the Donald E Potts building.

OLD BUSINESS

The chloride schedule was presented.

PC-47-2-SU – The owner of what was previously McCrumb's Quarter Horses presented the plan for recreational outdoor use for small haul in equestrian events. There has been a comprehensive study, plan, and application process that has been completed to prepare for such activities to come into the township. There is no indication of potential negative impact to adjacent properties, and this is aligned with permitted use under recreational outdoor special use and has the potential to bring business to local and neighboring communities. Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to support with the recommendation of a widened driveway to accommodate the trailers coming on and off Francis Road.

Prior township hall - there is a resident that is potentially interested in moving the prior township hall to the area of Dexter Trail and Pratt Road. There is a desire to preserve the historic aspect of the building and there needs to be research done to see if that has been registered as a historic building. If registered there may be grant money to relocate it to preserve it.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will not be a December Board of Review as all the resident's issues have been addressed.

The 2024 Clinton County Township Officers Association schedule was presented. The September 17th meeting will be held at Riley Township Hall.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to approve bills dated December 7, 2023. Motion carried.

A communication was provided by Supervisor Don Potts that he will be resigning from the township board effective Feb 29, 2024. Clerk Powell will advertise the vacancy and the board will review applicants for a plan to appoint a replacement by the Feb board meeting.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Martens, support by Lawless to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully,
Lisa Powell, Clerk