

TENTATIVE (pending approval April 6, 2023)

Riley Township

March 2, 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 Martens to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$166174.14  
General Fund Checking \$200395.99  
Road and Bridge Fund \$61618.24  
ARPA Designated Fund \$216819.21  
Cemetery \$3804.18  
TOTAL \$648811.76

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:**

Commissioner Mitchell: absent

Clinton County Sheriff's Department: absent

Preston Community Services: Assessment notices were sent. There will be some corrections for new construction, which may cause the need to extend the Board of Review one session. There was to be a link online for people to get to BS&A online for the tax and assessing records, which is not presently there. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to allow the data to be accessible online. BS&A will be providing the form for Supervisor Potts to sign. Motion carried. Preston Community Services will be providing the township a link to the assessors website to have a link to the studies that are required to be available to residents. Pam will assist in carrying this out.

DAESA Kevin Garvey: 33 runs, 1 in Riley Township. Kevin is now serving as Chair of the authority. Some items that are no longer needed by the department have been donated to another department that could use them. Part of the uniform allowance is being used for coats and linings for some members of the department. Chief will be presenting the annual budget later in the agenda. The new truck has received final approval and will be ready to go when paperwork arrives next week. There will be an appreciation dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the location is to be determined.

Riley Township Land Planning: The Dave Morris farm proposed development project is holding another meeting this evening. There are concerns from residents about preserving farmland, the ability to provide adequate water to the area, and the sustainability of the proposed development.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The organizational meeting for the Board of Review will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Board of Review will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> 3-9 PM and 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 PM.

The county will be working on the Wandell Extension drain.

Fire Chiefs Annual Report: There are still Covid issues that are impacting the department, mainly impacting supplies and department policies. The department is well stocked with supplies and although they are not seeing many covid related calls, although they continue to use protective equipment. In 2022, the department was able to bring back some of their annual events such as the Fire Prevention Open House and the Pancake Breakfast. They also participated in a public safety block party (in lieu of National Night Out). The department also participates in an annual event at the St. Francis Retreat Center. There were also several holiday events that the department participated in. The department received the new truck that was ordered in 2021, with shifting around apparatus this has allowed for placement of a licensed EMS vehicle in Riley Township. The department also updated AEDs, integrated AVI training, and familiarity with solar power. The proposed budget was provided to the municipality's, which is up about 5.5% which is less than the rate of inflation. Wages were increased. Areas being looked at for potential changes include the contracted agreement with Westphalia for coverage for a small portion of Riley Township.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Reminder of the annual CCRC meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 210 PM.

ARPA Funds: Our ARPA report will be due in the near future, it is proposed that we use a portion of the funds in our possession to cover our 2022 fire coverage. Motion by Martens, support by Lawless. Motion carried.

Reminder of the township annual budget meeting that will be held March 23 at 7 PM.

Election Law Update: Clerk Powell attended a meeting with the county that reviewed significant upcoming election law changes due to the passing of Proposal 22-2 in the November 2022 election. Among requiring paid postage for all election mailings, ballot drop boxes with security cameras, absent voter ballots lists, and 9 days of in person voting prior to our traditional election day. Local clerks and the county are working together to create a plan that will allow us to operationalize all of the changes without over burdening the part time township government. There will be more to provide on this after the MTA conference in April where the state will present more.

Balance due on Church Road Bridge: Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to pay off balance of Church Road Bridge. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve bills dated March 2, 2023. Motion carried.

Budget amendments: Motion by Feldpausch, support by Powell to move 101.71 from capital improvements to election expenses. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to move \$44.15 from capital improvements to clerk mileage. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to move \$1703.09 from capital improvement to misc dues. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Powell, Clerk