

TENTATIVE (pending approval June 6, 2024)

Riley Township

May 2, 2024

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Garvey 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 Martens, support by Lawless to approve April 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$454667.52
General Fund Checking \$27425.96
Road and Bridge Fund \$121666.37
ARPA Designated Fund \$44767.52
Cemetery \$3805.22
TOTAL \$652332.59

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

The township is in the process of changing credit card companies from Huntington to Mercantile. Authorized signers would be Clerk Lisa Powell and Treasurer Pam Feldpausch with a limit of \$10,000. Motion by Martens, support by Lawless. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was an article in Michigan History on the background of the South Riley Cemetery. This can be found in the May/June 2024 edition. Copies will be made for anyone who is interested in reviewing it.

A resident expressed concern regarding people who visit the local county park and their understanding where the park property lines are so that there is no trespassing onto adjacent property. This was expressed in a previous meeting so the county should be aware, but Supervisor Garvey will follow up the next county parks and rec meeting which is being held tomorrow. The ribbon cutting ceremony is May 11th at 10:00 AM.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Commissioner Ken Mitchell – not present

DAESA Board Member Terry Powell – The April Board meeting was when the board accepted the chief's resignation. The present assistant chief will be in an interim role for the next 90 days while they work through the steps of the replacement process. On Sat, May 4th the authority will be holding the annual appreciation dinner and awards ceremony. In April, Riley Township had 5 calls.

Planning Committee Chair Randy Whitney – nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

There has been some review to see what could be done to prevent slide offs into the vinyl fence at the cemetery at Dexter Trail Road. There were three proposals presented with varying cost. There was consensus to take no action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be maintenance on the Theis Drain in the upcoming weeks.

There is a situation on Centerline Road that appears to be a zoning violation. There is movement of debris to a vacant property where a house was previously burned down.

Clerks Update: The clerk has recently attended several educational sessions including election security, the Michigan Township Association annual conference and completed the risk control audit with our insurance company. She will compile a written summary of best practices and policies that the board should consider implementing over the coming months.

Assessors Update: our current assessor. Motion by Lawless, support by Martens to accept the proposed contract from Sarah Payton as the new township assessor of record. Motion carried. Sarah presented a summary of the most recent sales studies and what we are seeing in assessing. The veteran exemption is now able to be approved without going to the board of review. An annual report was provided for the board to review. The most recent State of Michigan audit for assessing records scored perfectly.

A letter was received by the township from FEMA regarding our lack of participation in the National Flood Plain Insurance Program. Clerk Powell will review prior records as the township did act on this several years ago that should have opted us in.

Clinton County Township Officers Association Update by Trish Martens – the most recent meeting was held at Clinton County Transit. There were presentations regarding the plan by the drain commission as well as what is happening in the transit system. We are grateful for Commissioner Ken Mitchell who made a substantial donation to support improved safety equipment for the SWAT team.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Martens, support by Lawless to approve bills as presented. Motion carried.

Paul Foren expressed concern over the ability of people to access the park and that there will not be posted hours. Supervisor Garvey will recommend that there be posted hours for the park.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Martens, support by Lawless to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully,
Lisa Powell, Clerk