

TENTATIVE (pending approval April 4, 2024)

Riley Township

March 7, 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 Martens to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Lawless, support by Martens to approve February 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$254679.66
General Fund Checking \$178532.89
Road and Bridge Fund \$104098.16
ARPA Designated Fund \$132988.67
Cemetery \$3804.46
TOTAL \$674103.84

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

Motion by Martens, support by Powell to allocate existing ARPA funds to our cost to provide fire and EMS services through DAESA. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dan Simon: inquired about paving Church Road and reviewed the history of this being brought forward in prior years as well as the prior solution to just provide additional chloride. Supervisor Garvey agreed to discuss this with the road commission.

Charlotte Wallace inquired about the status of the prior township hall.

The superintendent and board member of the St. Johns Public Schools spoke on the upcoming election in May of 2024 to continue the existing mileage rate to allow for continued improvements to our educational programs and infrastructure and more information can be found at www.sjredwings.org and select Bond 2024.

Rob and Kristen Johnson introduced themselves and gave some background information on the variance request that will be addressed later in the agenda.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

DAESA Board Member Terry Powell:

For the month of Jan there were 80 runs total. The township had 10 runs total. The annual 2024-2025 fiscal year budget was approved and will be distributed to the township. Fred Render was promoted recently and with his experience will be a great asset to the command staff at the department.

The fire coverage area was discussed and the burn permit process for Dewitt versus Westphalia and will be discussed further in the agenda.

Planning Commission Randy Whitney –

Nothing to report at this meeting. There is new construction presently at two properties in the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids were provided to the members of the board. Motion by Martens, support by Lawless to award the 2024 contract to Powell Lawn Care pending presentation of required insurance. Powell abstains, motion carried.

Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to accept bid from Westphalia Electric to replace lighting at the township hall. Motion carried.

Discussion on the drainage issue that has been present in the South Riley Cemetery. Trustee Lawless presented the plan which includes donated tile to alleviate the chronic drainage problem. He shared the work plan and allowed opportunity to ask questions. Motion by Powell, support by Martens. Motion carried.

Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to adopt 2024-2025 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Martens to adopt the resolution for the 2024 mileage renewal of the road proposal. Roll call vote, Powell yes, Martens yes, Lawless yes, Garvey yes; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid from Lawless Vegetation Management for annual maintenance of the township properties to spray for weed control as well as fertilization if needed. Motion by Martens, support by Powell to accept up to the bid amounts presented. Motion carried.

Motion to distribute the proposed letter on how to obtain a burn permit for the Riley Township residents who are provided fire protection services by Westphalia Township. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to distribute presented letter. Motion carried.

ZC-01-24-VR: This is a variance request for an exception to the height maximum for an accessory structure. The application with additional detail provided in the board packets. Motion by Powell, supported by Feldpausch. Motion carried.

PC-04-24-MA: This is a request to return property that previous owners had rezoned to rural residential to the A2 class. This conforms with future land use and supports agricultural preservation. Motion by Martens, Support by Lawless. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Martens, support by Martens to approve bills dated March 7, 2024. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, supported by Martens to move \$2000 from capital improvements to township board salaries. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martin to move \$5000 from capital improvements to assessor salary. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martin to move \$1500 from capital improvements to postage. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martin to move \$1500 from capital improvements to software and support. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martin to move \$500 from capital improvements to DAFR fire board. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martin to move \$6000 from capital improvements to liability. Motion carried. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martin to move \$1100 from capital improvements to workman's comp. Motion carried. Budget amendments for the 2023-2024 budget year complete.

Announcement: The Westphalia fireman's breakfast is Sunday 8-12.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully,
Lisa Powell, Clerk