

TENTATIVE (pending approval October 3, 2024)

Riley Township

September 5, 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 Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve June 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$278769.24

General Fund Checking \$66308.87

Road and Bridge Fund \$110058.25

ARPA Designated Fund \$21723.73

TOTAL \$476860.09

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Matt Boak introduced himself as the democratic candidate for the county commissioner seat. He has been a lifelong resident of Riley Township and is a policy advisor for the state senate. He has been a school board member and has enjoyed serving the community. He provided information about his approach to serving and what he hopes to accomplish if elected.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

**Assessor Sarah Payton** – Estimating CPI at 3.2%, we will know for sure in November. December 10<sup>th</sup> will be BOR for administrative corrections

**Commissioner Ken Mitchell** – not present

**DAESA Board Member Terry Powell** – 67 runs last month, 5 were mutual aid fires. The department hired a full-time firefighter to be present at the department as a day position to make sure that there is a member to respond to calls during the day when many of the volunteers are at work. He will work 4 ten-hour days, and other firefighters will pick up the 5<sup>th</sup> weekday.

**Planning Commission Randy Whitney**- there is nothing to update currently

**Greenspace Committee Trish Martens** – they are winding down for the summer. They are looking to build monarch butterfly habitats at all the parks as they have been added to the endangered list. The county is looking for another park location in either Bath, Eagle, or southern Clinton County. There will be planning through the winter to prepare for next season. They are working on the 5-year vision for the Pratt Road park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Clinton County Road Commission** – maps were provided for all the 2024 road projects. It was a big year; the township gravel should be completed by the end of next week. The culvert on Chadwick Road should be put in on Wednesday next week. We will begin to plan in January for 2025 road projects. The 127/496 corridor will be under construction for another 3 years. There is no updates on the EGLE brine permitting that was discussed last year. Francis Road is a federally funded project which triggers it into a different category due to the traffic volume. The plan is presently for 2026 to meet the requirements for the design needs (will need to be widened pavement and widened shoulders). There has been a lot of positive feedback on the condition of the roads this year.

**Township Hall Property Maintenance-** there is a collapsed tile which is causing the water to back up on the west side of the hall. Options would be to add downspouts, replace the corrugated tile, or place PVC which will be more enduring of a solution. Quotes range from \$4,000 to \$8,000. The lowest bidder is local and would do the work directly and not subcontract to another company. Motion by Powell, support by Feldpausch to secure Zack Martens to complete the repair work. Motion approved.

**South Riley Cemetery Property Maintenance** – during the last storm, a large tree came down on the south border of the cemetery. It is difficult to tell currently the extent of the damage to the headstones that are presently under the tree. Motion by Powell, support by Feldpausch to a lot up to \$4500 for removal of the down tree, remaining standing tree, and stump. Motion carried.

There will be new staff joining the Planning and Zoning department that should bring them back to being fully staffed.

There will be a hearing on September 12<sup>th</sup> on increases to the cost of drain apportionments. Anyone impacted should have received a notice in the mail.

There will be construction of a secure closet in the clerk/treasurer's office that would allow for locked storage of all election supplies. The estimate is approximately \$3000. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens. Motion carried.

There is a CCOA meeting being hosted at the township hall on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Dewitt Area Emergency Services Authority monthly meeting is also at Riley Township on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Powell, Clerk