

Richfield Township Board Meeting

5381 N. State Rd., May 8, 2023 @. 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Pyles-Treasurer, Joseph M Madore-supervisor, Sherry Marden-Trustee,
Milton Green – Treasurer, Teri Webber-Clerk,

Lt. Melissa Galloway, Brian Arnes- Deputy Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Davis, Leonard Marden, J Champagne

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MR. MADORE TO ADOPT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MR. PYLES.
Motion Carried.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY MR. MADORE TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 10, 2023
SECOND BY MRS. WEBBER. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund, (General, Sewer, Water) balance \$4,415,236.81. Mr. Green reported the Sewer Fund CD at Elga Credit Union to a 14 -Month at 5.13%.

MOTION BY MR. J. MADORE TO ACCEPT REPORT AS PRESENTED.
SECOND BY MR. PYLES MC

BOARD EXPENDITURES

Mr. Madore gave the total expenditures from, APRIL 12, 2023- MAY 9, 2023 Total \$ 252,027.17

MOTION BY MR. MADORE, SUPPORTED BY MRS. WEBBER to approve payment of the board bills as presented Roll Call: Yes- Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Marden, Mr. Madore. Mr. Pyles, Mr. Green. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened at 7:32 p.m. Resident At 5314 N. State Rd has question on the construction on the roads Clark to Coldwater. Flooding happens in their front yards. Homeowners had new coverts replaced in 2010-2011 they are not working; she cleans the ditches. Do the coverts replace at home owners' expense? What is going to be done with the flooding? Madore said, "Replacing the coverts or ditching will not be done with the construction". Closed at 7:35 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Rowe Planning and review contract Services will include analysis of site plans, special use permits, rezoning requests, ordinance text amendments, variances, ordinance interpretations, and other required reviews.

Senior Planner rate range \$125-130, Planner \$115-120 Graduate Planner \$100-105, Professional Engineer \$130-155, Professional Landscape Architect \$115-145, rates are valid through May 2023.

New rates will be forwarded to clients in late May for the upcoming year. Pyles requested to be put in fee schedule. Motion carried.

MOTION BY MR. MADORE TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED SUPPORTED BY PYLES.

Resolution 23-04 Rich Street maintenance special assessment for 5 years. Signatures were presented to the Board of Trustees. Public Hearing will be on June 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION BY MR. MADORE SUPPORTED BY MR PYLES. Motion carried. 5-AYES.

Police Assessment Funding & Fire Assessment. Police Assessment only covers about 62% of our cost. Webber made motion to fund 10% of the assessment. With this percent it would be around \$1,122,000.00 stated Madore. Madore stated that residents appreciate our POLC Department. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Yes-Webber, Marden, Madore, Green, Pyles -NO.

Fire Assessment is covering close to 100% of our Fire Department costs **.63 mill** will get where we are supposed to be at. Our residents are much better served, our Firefighters are not having to run as many medical calls and our fire run cost have gone down with the Medstar contract has provided the best coverage we have had in years.

MOTION BY MR. MADORE, SUPPORTED BY MR. PYLES. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call Vote: Yes- Mr. Pyles Mr. Green, Mr. Madore, Mrs. Marden, Mrs. Webber.

Ordinance amendment No. 96-B House parties the” Adult” means a person 18 years of age or older.

MOTION BY MADORE, TO MAKE CHANGE AS PRESENTED, SUPPORTED BY MR. PYLES. MC. 5- AYES.

CDBG Program Board of Trustees will remain in program.

MOTION BY PYLES SUPPORTED MADORE. Motion Carried. 5-eyes.

Parking lot project contract recommendation -Rowe endorse award to Diamond Excavating, LLC, whose total price of \$233,310.00 was 6 percent lower than the engineer’s estimate. Rowe endorses undercutting is encountered the township’s cost would be \$275,000. Since it is anticipated that additional Subgrade Undercut will be required, and since Diamond has offered to cap their price at \$275,000., the modification appears to be in the best interest of the township. As a result, recommendation that the township award the Richfield Township Hall Parking Lot Rehabilitation to Diamond Excavating, LLC, for the not to exceed sum of \$275,000., with attached contract modification letter from Diamond (dated April 28, 2023) being an official part of the modified contract.

MADORE MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ENDORSE TO DIAMOND EXCAVATING LLC. PYLES SUPPORTED. ROLL CALL VOTE-YES: MRS. MARDEN, MR MADORE MR. PYLES, MR. GREEN, MRS. WEBBER.

Resolution 23-05 Protecting MI pension grant authorization. The Township Board wishes to apply for a grant payment under the Protecting MI Pension Grant program and authorizes the Township Supervisor, acting as the legal agent of

Richfield Township to apply for grant through the Michigan Department of Treasury. Motion Carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MADORE, SUPPORTED BY PYLES.

Transient Merchant ordinance 73-C amendment. Attorney Gildner working on it and will have it next month meeting. (June 12, 2023). Pyles stated that food trucks operating is taking from business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police-The Ford Explorer is till at Milnes Ford waiting for parts. Attorney Gildner advised that there is no legal remedy regarding this issue. Our newest officer, Bailey MacDonough graduated the LERTA police Academy on 5-4-23. Her first day her at the PD Began 5-8-23. Her field training is expected to be completed September 28, 2023.Chief Craig intent is to retire on 4-25-23. Planning now will create the most seamless transition and give time to train each of the new positions. Fire Authority-up some Fires 9 M.A. 4, Planning Commission-NA. Assessor NA, Parks & Recreation-DECR will be at Richfield fields Well testing went fine chloride is down Fang-written report. Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement NA.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Public Comment/Announcements NA

Next meeting June 12, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. General Consent.

Joseph M Madore, Supervisor

Teri Webber, Clerk