

TOWN OF RICHLAND
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday: October 02, 2024

1. Chairman, Matt Williams called to order the regular monthly board meeting at 6:00 PM. Board Officials Present: Chairman- Matt Williams, Supervisors- Aaron Palmer and Matt Schmitz, Clerk- Kayla Williams, Treasurer-Jane Ewing.

A. The board meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. The meeting was posted at the Town Garage and posted to the Town's website.

C. Matt Williams made a motion to amend the agenda and add Robert McConkey Rezoning Request after Public Comment, it was seconded by Aaron Palmer. The motion carried.

D. Aaron Palmer made a motion to approve the September 10, 2024 Regular Town Board meeting minutes, it was seconded by Matt Schmitz. The motion carried.

2. Public Comment: no comments by the public.

3. Robert McConkey was present at the meeting tonight for a rezoning request regarding 10.3 acres. Robert is asking to rezone all 10.3 acres from Ag. Forest to Ag. Residential and he would like to build a pole shed. Matt Williams made a motion to approve Robert McConkey's request to rezone all 10.3 acres from Ag. Forest to Ag. Residential, it was seconded by Aaron Palmer. Motion carried.

4. Ambulance Report: Gordon Palmer present for this report. Noted concerns about vehicle the director is requesting. Also concerned about roles of the County and JAC. JAC was removed from the county's responsibility and is instead a collaboration of 10 townships, City of Richland Center, Village of Yuba and Village of Boaz. Next meeting is October 28 at 7 PM at the ambulance building.

5. Board of Review: Clerk indicated Open Book was held on September 25 from 3:30-5:30 PM. Board of Review was held on September 25 from 5-7 PM. There was one late request that was denied at Board of Review.

6. ETZ Board: Aaron Palmer made a motion to name Kelly Bradford on the ETZ Board and Gordon Palmer as first alternate. It was seconded by Matt Schmitz. Motion carried.

7. Resolution to Increase Levy: This was discussed in length by the board as they do not want to raise taxes but the township needs financial assistance to help with road repair, etc. Aaron Palmer made a motion to Adopt a Resolution Supporting a 30% Increase to the Allowable Levy. It was seconded by Matt Williams. Motion carried.

The board scheduled a Special Town Electors Meeting for Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM for this percentage increase to the levy.

8. Burkhamer Report: Three Springs Lane was done, Colt Lane was patched, Comar Lane was brushed and patched. They had 4 tree calls just in the past week. Kurt Burkhamer is going to be called first when Kevin is unavailable. Updated Sheriff Department.

9. Election Update: Clerk provided an update on absentee ballot requests and in person absentee voting. Board asked several questions about the absentee ballot process, questions were answered by the clerk.

10. Town Roads & Zoning: Matt presented picture provided by Bill Bewick regarding a parcel of land he would like to build rental properties on County Hwy A. Board indicated that if it is allowable under zoning and all procedures and protocols are followed then there would be no concern.

Matt Williams discussed Maple Grove Road. There was a discussion around what needs to be done and questions about why these things have not been done yet such as ditching and culverts. These things have reportedly not been done yet as other roads needed attention first after rain this summer made some roads impassable. A noted concern about water runoff and ruining the road if not done correctly. Sunset date of the grant is 2026-2027. The approximate cost of the project is \$240,000 and the grant is worth \$102,000. Noted the board will come back to this before the end of the meeting.

Board discussed Hillview needs to be ditched as it is reportedly washing out underneath. Board also stated all capital improvements completed to the Township need to come before the board for approval first.

11. Kayla Williams presented 7 items to be paid totaling \$21,090.40. Aaron Palmer made a motion to pay the town's bills & expenses, it was seconded by Matt Schmitz. The motion carried.

12. Jane Ewing present the Treasurer's Report. Last months debits totaled \$29,105.11 and deposits to the checking account were \$488.40. The town's checking account balance at Peoples Community Bank is \$99,415.27. The Towns reserve account balances are: Tax Account \$148,733.36 plus interest and ARPA Fund Account (Closed) \$0.00. Matt Schmitz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as given; it was seconded by Matt Williams. The motion carried.

13. Additional items for next month's agenda: Ambulance Report, Election Update, Burkhamer Report/Update.

The board then went back to discussing Maple Grove Road. After reviewing the budget and how much money the township currently has, it was decided the township does not currently have the funds available to pay for the project this year. Maple Grove Road will be started in approximately June 2025. All culverts need to be replaced on Maple Grove Road before the end of this year.

14. Next meeting scheduled for November 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The Town Board also scheduled the yearly Budget Meeting for November 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

15. Matt Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the regular monthly board meeting, it was seconded by Aaron Palmer. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Kayla Williams,
Town Clerk