

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

March 4, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dankmyer.. There were five people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Chairman	Brian M. O'Malley, Supervisor
Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman	Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
George P. Allen, Supervisor	Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary

The Supervisors tabled approval of the meeting minutes of the February 18, 2009.

Mr. Dankmyer asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on any items either on or off the agenda. Mrs. Colleen C. Parry, 220 Lori Road came forward.

Mrs. Parry questioned why the Township required sanitary sewer dye tests to be performed on homes which are being refinanced. Mrs. Parry's home, which is located in the Grandview Estates Plan, is only five years old and passed a dye test when it was constructed. She provided examples of neighboring municipalities where dye tests are not required at refinancing, and asked the Supervisors to evaluate their policy.

Mr. Dankmyer thanked Mrs. Parry for bringing the matter to the Supervisors' attention and said that he felt the policy needed to be changed. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Kendrick made a motion instructing the Township staff to review the dye test procedures and to recommend changes to the ordinance. He also moved that, for the interim, dye tests on properties which are being refinanced would be performed by Township employees. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grandview Drive Traffic Calming Study Survey

The Board acknowledged the survey results from the Grandview Drive traffic calming study area:

"Yes" votes	Eighteen	(18)
"No" votes	Two	(2)
"No Response"	Nine	<u>(9)</u>
	Total	29

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Since the majority of the residents voted in favor of the proposed installation of speed humps and the Supervisors determined that the cost of implementing the plan is within the Township's budget the project advanced to the forth step in the Traffic Calming Policy, Installation and Evaluation.

The Supervisors authorized the Township engineer to include the installation of the speed humps in the 2009 road paving specifications. The bids will be considered at the Board of Supervisors April 1, 2009 meeting.

The Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2008 adopting a "Convention Expense Policy". Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the advertisement of unneeded, used furniture and equipment from the old municipal building for sale in the *Pennsylvania Township News*. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to advertise for proposals from qualified firms to remove hazardous materials from the old municipal building. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the solicitation of proposals from qualified appraisal firms to for the acquisition of property needed for the Route 8/Ewalt Road/E. Ewalt Road traffic improvements project. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Sanitary Sewer Extension Projects - Two meetings were held last week with residents within the Route 910 and Milton Acres sanitary sewer project areas. Thirty (30) of the needed right-of-ways were obtained. Mr. Bastianini thanked of the Township employees and professional consultants who attended the meetings and noted Mrs. Shaw in particular for her good work in obtaining so many right-of-ways. The staff will continue to pursue the remaining sixty seven (67) which are needed in order to award the contract.
- 2009 Road Paving and Improvement Project - The Supervisors reviewed a list of the roads which have been advertised for bid. The roads have been divided into base bids and alternates to provide the Supervisors with the maximum flexibility in awarding the contracts.
- Park and Road Projects - The Supervisors reviewed a report prepared by Mr. Reichart identifying the schedule for road projects and work at the community park this spring.
- 2009-2010 Salt Bids - The Supervisors reviewed a report on the amount of salt used this winter, and a strategy to hedge the Township's price risk next season. At the conclusion of the discussion the Supervisors authorized the Manager to submit estimates of 1,500 tons of salt for inclusion in both the State and North Hills Council of Governments' salt bids.

- Refinancing of the Township's 2004 Bond Issue - Mr. Michael Zubasic of PNC Bank indicated that there is a potential to save approximately \$107,000 by refinancing the Township's 2004 bond. In order to realize the savings the Supervisors' need to act prior to August 1, 2009. The Supervisors invited Mr. Zubasic to discuss the details of the refinancing at their next meeting.
- State Supreme Court Decision re: Municipal Authority over the Location of Gas Wells - The Board discussed the recent Pennsylvania State Supreme Court decision confirming local government's authority under the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code to regulate the location of gas wells within their jurisdiction. Amendments made to the Township's Zoning Ordinance last Spring are in line and consistent with this decision.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Kendrick congratulated the Public Works Department for the wonderful job of winter maintenance they performed this season. He said that they are a great bunch of guys who demonstrate a good attitude and dedicated work ethic on whatever tasks they undertake.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary