

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 21, 2010

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman, Herbert C. Dankmyer. Mr. Dankmyer reported that the Supervisors conducted an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation. He explained further that he had excused himself because it pertained to his employer. There were seventeen people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Chairman
Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman
George P. Allen, Supervisor
John A. Marshall, Supervisor

Barton D. Miller, Supervisor
Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Charles M. Means, Esquire

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors Road Tour and Public Meeting of April 7, 2010. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Dankmyer acknowledged Boy Scout Troop 150 in the audience. The scouts were working on their "Citizenship of the Community" merit badge.

Mr. Dankmyer asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. Mrs. Margie McInerney, 524 Edgehill Drive, came forward. Ms. McInerney stated that late last summer someone had cut trees on her property, as well as, property owned by the Township that abutts her property. She said they left an enormous amount of debris. She distributed photographs to the Supervisors. She asked the Board to consider de-weeding areas owned by the Township and requested "No Dumping" signs be placed on the Township property. Mr. Dankmyer stated that he would have Mr. Bastianini and Mr. Walzer assess the situation.

Mr. Kendrick moved to approve the March Financial Statements which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the bills payable. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Supervisors reviewed a proposal from Skuta Signs for a "Welcome to Richland" sign exactly like the one in front of the Richland Mall. The sign would be placed along Route 8 near the northern boundary line. After a brief discussion Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the proposal from Skuta Signs in the amount of \$7,640.00. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion.

Mr. Dankmyer asked for comments from the audience. Ms. Donna Snyder, 5857 Valencia Road asked if the sign would be insured? Mr. Bastianini responded that it would be. Ms. Annette Robinson, 108 Applewood Drive felt that this type of sign was not necessary, and suggested a simpler sign. Ms. Joanna Lazarro, 509 Jenny Drive agreed with Ms. Robinson. After considering the audience's input, Mr. Allen withdrew his motion.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute an agreement to implement the MuniPAY Credit Card Acceptance System. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute a Change Order in the amount of \$9,900 with Playing Surface Solutions Inc. for additional top soil on Field #9. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini reported on many of the projects which the Township staff was working on including: a) Mrs. Shaw preparing 92 sewer connection notices; b) restoration of the areas disturbed as part of the Route 910 sewer project; c) the initiation of paving on Cook Road and Georgiann Drive; and d) the progress made on the new soccer fields at the park.

Mr. Bastianini also provided a first quarter 2009-2010 comparison of revenues, expenditures and building permits, and distributed a document announcing that President Obama had declared the February winter storms a Federal disaster. This qualifies the Township for partial reimbursement of some costs incurred to clean up from the storm.

He informed the Board of a request from the Pine Richland Baseball Softball Association (PRBSA) to install and maintain, at their expense, a scoreboard on Field #3. Mr. Marshall made a motion to authorize the PRSBA to install the scoreboard. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Kendrick questioned the status of the following: 1) hydro seeding the old municipal building area; 2) demolition of blighted structures on the Pittsburgh Cut Flower property; and 3) repair of the median on Route 8 at Northtowne Square. Mr. Bastianini responded.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Annette Robinson, 108 Applewood Drive asked what the surcharge was for the MunicPAY Credit Card System. Mr. Bastianini responded that there would be a surcharge of 2.45% with a \$1.50 minimum.

Ms. Robinson also questioned the protocol of how the original Traffic Calming was adopted and what rescinding the resolution would actually do to the policy. Mr. Miller clarified why the Supervisors rescinded the Traffic Calming Policy. He stated that the main issue with the old policy was that it required the Board to spend taxpayers money without granting the Supervisors the authority to review and approve the expenditure. He said that the possibility of performing traffic studies was still in place. Mr. Dankmyer confirmed that rescinding the policy did not mean that the Township would not perform traffic studies or implement traffic calming measures if the Board decided to do so. He stated that eliminating the policy also eliminated the fee residents would have paid. Now, the Township will pick up the cost of the study once the Board grants the authority to proceed. Mr. Kendrick stated that he felt that this approach gives the Supervisors more control over how tax dollars are spent.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary