

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JUNE 17, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Vice Chairman, Raymond P. Kendrick. There were six people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman	Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
George P. Allen, Supervisor	Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Brian M. O'Malley, Supervisor	Charles Means, Esquire
John A. Pasquinelli, Supervisor	

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors meeting of May 20, 2009. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. Mr. Ken Ingold, 133 Walcott Drive, came forward.

Mr. Ingold asked what action would be taken on the traffic study performed at the intersection of Richland Road, Walcott Drive and Ben Miller Roads. Mr. Bastianini responded that the Township was taking actions to implement the recommendations of the Traffic Engineer to install warning signs and to trim vegetation. The Police Department will also increase speed checks in the area. If these actions are effective then no further steps are necessary. The next traffic counts will be performed in the Fall when school is in session. Mr. Kendrick thanked Mr. Ingold for bringing this matter to the Board's attention.

Mr. Bastianini read the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2009:

General Fund	\$291,105	North Hills Sobriety Checkpoint	90
Street Light Tax Fund	1,508	Municipal Building Capital Fund	73,953
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	196,161	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	322,246
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,464,801	General Capital Reserve	358,714
Sewer Fund	1,398,321	Sewer Capital Reserve	2,062,552
2003 Bond Fund	103	Highway Aid Fund	57,355
2007 Bond Fund	56,507	Municipal Pension Fund	[21,130]
Park Grant	100,151		

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Matt Schellhaas
Schellhaas Funeral Home

A letter asking the Township for guidance and cooperation in replacing the Bakerstown business sign, on Route 8, which was destroyed during a storm in February. Mr. O'Malley volunteered to work with the business owners and made a motion authorizing Mr. Bastianini to contact the State to see what type of signage may be appropriate. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Donna Snyder, 5857 Valencia Road

A letter thanking the Board of Supervisors for their decision not to use Eminent Domain to acquire private properties for a proposed residential development.

ICMA Retirement Corporation

An announcement on proposed amendments to the Township's General Employees, 401 Money Purchase Plan. Mr. O'Malley made a motion to accept the changes. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Sabo, 4170 Valleyvue Drive to fill a vacancy on the Municipal Authority Board which expires on December 31, 2010. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Allen made a motion adopting Resolution No. 12 of 2009 authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire right-of-ways for the Route 910 Sanitary Sewer Project. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the advertisement of construction bids for the Route 910 Sanitary Sewer Project. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to award John T. Subrick Inc. the contract for construction of the Milton Acres Sanitary Sewer Project, for the bid price of \$651,385.00. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to award DRB Construction Inc. the contract for the demolition of the former municipal building for the Alternate Bid price of \$34,950. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini said that Mr. Dankmyer had asked him to thank Mr. Kendrick for all of his efforts in removing the old furniture and equipment from the former municipal building.

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the Vice Chairman to execute an agreement with Morton Salt for the purchase of rock salt for the 2009-2010 winter season at the bid price of \$58.73. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

A discussion ensued regarding Act 32 of 2008. Beginning in January 2012, the law will eliminate the current system of 560 different tax collectors, and replace it with one county-wide collector for all counties with the exception that Allegheny County which will have four regional collectors. Richland Township will be part of the Northern Region. By September 15, 2009 the Township needs to appoint a representative to the Tax Collection Committee (TCC). The first meeting for the TCC is scheduled for November. Mr. Pasquinelli said that he felt it would be advantageous to have the same person, possibly someone with a legal background, to represent the School District, Pine and Richland Townships. Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Pasquinelli both volunteered to work with the Manager to plan for Richland's implementation of the Act.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini reported on the following:

- He thanked Mr. Scott Shoup for his knowledge and credibility which were instrumental in helping to acquire right-of-ways needed for the Milton Acres and Route 910 sanitary sewer projects.
- He acknowledged the Public Works Department for the great job they did backfilling and landscaping the berm areas along the recently paved roads. Besides the high quality of the work the Department's efforts also saves a lot of money. Bids from private contractors for the same type of work cost \$3.50 per lineal foot!
- He acknowledged Amy Shane's return from maternity leave, and thanked Tina Shaw, Margaret Ratay and Suzanne Owens for taking over many of her tasks while she was away.
- The new equipment for "Movies in the Park" was used for the first time this past Friday. There were 60 people in attendance, despite the Penguins playing in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup Finals.
- The Township's insurance renewal is due at the end of July. The Township's current liability coverage is with PIRMA. Mr. Bastianini recommended acceptance of the renewal quote of \$49,223.81, which represents a 15% decrease. The Township has a separate property

package for its buildings, contents, vehicles and equipment. Two quotes were obtained for property insurance.

MRM Property and Liability Trust: \$22,595; and

H.A. Thomson Company: EMC: \$24,595
 PIRMA: \$21,210

Mr. Bastianini requested Mr. Pasquinelli's help in reviewing and comparing the two proposals. Award of both the liability and property insurance is scheduled for the July meeting.

- Mr. Bastianini thanked Mr. Allen for the excellent job he did representing Richland by serving as Master of Ceremonies for the Allegheny County Association of Township Officials Convention.
- Mr. Bastianini requested an executive session following the public meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

An informational letter was distributed to the Board on the Richland Mall tax assessment appeal.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Kendrick reported that since school was out for the summer he did not feel that the flashing lights on Bakerstown Road needed to be on. The Township will take action.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. David Kraus, 3820 Gibsonia Road asked a series of questions ranging from Earned Income Tax rates to the schedule for the Route 910 sewer project. Mr. Bastianini responded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary

