

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUGUST 20, 2008

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were approximately eight people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

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

Mr. Dankmyer reported that he had administered the Oath of Office to Andrew P. Bienemann who was recently hired by the Northern Regional Police Department as a Patrol Officer.

Mr. Dankmyer asked for a moment of silence in respect for Mr. James Hopper. Mr. Hopper, who died last week, was a Township employee for 35 years and served as Richland Township Police Chief from 1979-1985.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' meeting of July 16, 2008. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report for the period ending July 31, 2008.

General Fund	\$ 362,767	Municipal Bldg Capital Fund	84,922
Street Light Tax Fund	4,011	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	212,218
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	122,132	General Capital Reserve	409,754
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,340,212	Sewer Capital Reserve	1,804,241
Sewer Fund	224,316	Highway Aid Fund	3,000
2003 Bond Fund	438,906	Municipal Pension Fund	[26,886]
2007 Bond Fund	77,319		

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

The Secretary distributed a supplemental list of bills payable which included final payment for the 2008 paving program. Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve all of the bills payable including those on the supplemental list. Mr. Allen seconded and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick asked when North Montour would be paved. Mr. Bastianini responded that base work should begin this month with final paving scheduled for September.

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Mr. Kendrick stated that he would like to see the minutes from the monthly Police Board meetings included in the Northern Regional Police Department report. The staff will comply with the request.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Lieutenant Bill Sullivan,** **Port Authority of Allegheny County**

The Port Authority has expressed an interest in purchasing the two jail cells that are located in the police section of the old municipal building for \$200.00.

Mr. Kendrick stated that he will address the Port Authority's request. He feels that there may be some historical significance with the jail cells.

#### **David Bianco, EMT-P** **PULSE AED Program, St. Margaret Foundation**

A letter notifying the Township that St. Margaret Foundation has agreed to donate one Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The letter also explained what the Township's training and maintenance responsibilities would be, as well as, including a model AED donation agreement.

After reviewing the agreement, Mr. Means recommended that the Township forward it to the Township's insurance carrier for their review, especially the section which pertains to waivers, releases and indemnifications. The Supervisors instructed Mr. Bastianini to write to the insurance carrier.

#### **Mike Turzai, Republican Policy Chairman** **28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District**

A letter asking the Township to look into a complaint he received from Ms. Annette Robinson, 108 Applewood Drive regarding a report of raw sewerage emanating from a fissure. Mr. Bastianini said the Township was investigating the matter, and that a plumber was scheduled to correct the problem.

Mr. Bastianini acknowledged receipt of a series of letters from residents pertaining to storm water issues stemming from the heavy rains which occurred in June. All of these letters have been forwarded to Mr. Scott Shoup, Township Engineer for his review and analysis.

#### **David J. Kudlock** **4134 Grandview Drive**

Mr. Kudlock has submitted the results of a traffic count which he has conducted on his section of Grandview Drive. The information has been forwarded to Mr. Robert Goetz, Traffic Engineer for his review and comment.

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**Todd M. Kravits, P.E.**  
**District Traffic Engineer, PennDOT**

A letter granting the Township permission to install Custom Made Municipal Name signs on S.R. 910 (Gibsonia Road), S.R. 4068 (Bakerstown Road) and S.R. 1028 (Bakerstown-Culmerville Road) at the Richland Township lines.

**Dean E. Bastianini, Township Secretary,**  
**Richland Township**

A memo requesting permission to attend the 2008 International City Management Association Conference from September 21 - September 24, 2008. Mr. Bastianini will also be a presenter at the Allegheny County Officials Conference at Seven Springs September 25-28, 2008.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing Mr. Bastianini to attend the conferences with the Township meeting the expenses of meals, lodging, transportation and registration. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini reported that Mr. Dankmyer, Mr. Reichart and he will be attending a workshop in Greensburg, PA, tomorrow evening on Natural Gas Exploration and Drilling.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - MARCH 17, 2008**

**Robert Brash/Roice Construction - Preliminary and final land development plans for Lot 2R in the Richland Industrial Park Plan, revised plan dated July 17, 2008, deemed approval date waived.**

Mr. Denis Ranalli, 3633 Crestview Drive presented the plans on behalf of the developer. A brief discussion ensued. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Kendrick made a motion to grant preliminary and final approval of the development plans as submitted with the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all of the conditions and recommendations established by the Planning Commission, and the items contained in Scott Shoup's review letter dated August 14, 2008; and
2. Compliance with Township's lighting regulations.

Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - JULY 21, 2008**

**Marathon Partners - Revised subdivision plan separating a lot within Phase III of the Parkview Estates PRD Plan, Lot & Block No. 2191-B-117. Plans dated June 30, 2008, deemed approval date October 18, 2008.**

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Mr. E.A. Thaner, E.A. Thaner & Associates and Mr. Jeff Moersch, Marathon Partners presented the plans. Following the presentation and a brief discussion Mr. Allen made a motion granting approval of the subdivision plan as presented with the following condition: "Upon the sale of Lot #1, Marathon Partners will grant the new owner a blanket easement on Parcel 5-A, to allow that owner to utilize the septic system which is located on said Parcel. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Consolidation Communications has withdrawn its request to install communication cabinets on Township property situate Forestwood Drive.

### **Echo Real Estate, Grandview Crossing, Landscape/Reforestation Plan for Grandview Crossing, dated August 18, 2008.**

Mr. Bastianini presented a revised landscaping plan, which was reviewed and recommended for approval by Ms. Diane Ponteriro, of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the revised landscape plan for the reforestation of the hillside south of the Lowe's Store in the Grandview Crossings Plan as presented. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 431 amending Chapter 1, Administration and Government of the Township's Code of Ordinances. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Dean E. Bastianini as Township Manager with no change in compensation. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Gerald Reichart as Assistant Township Manager with no change in compensation. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute Change Order No. G-8 to the General Construction contract for the new municipal building, in the amount of \$5,280.00, for removing and reinstalling public meeting room diffusers and install metal trim at louver perimeter. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute Change Order No. H-2, deducting \$6,084.00, from the HVAC contract for work not performed on the new municipal building. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

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Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute a "Certificate of Substantial Completion" for the General Contract for the new Municipal Building. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary reported on the following topics.

- Pine Richland Youth Football Association - Design plans to construct a new concession/press box on Field #4 at the Community Park.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the construction plans contingent upon the following: 1) installation of a security system; 2) upgrading the appearance of the garage door; 3) acknowledgment that the Youth Football Association is responsible for all maintenance and cleaning following the group's use of the facility; and 4) the Secretary was authorized to approve any changes/improvements to the construction plans which are in the best interest of the park and the Township.

Mr. Kendrick also asked the staff to investigate the possibility of extending natural gas service to both the new facility and the barn.

- Park Regulations - Prohibiting Horses on Trails and Roadways

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to advertise an Ordinance prohibiting horses on the trails and roads in the community park. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The Supervisors instructed the Solicitor to review the section of the park regulations which will be amended and advise them of any other enhancements they may consider concurrent with the adoption of the prohibition on horses.

- Enforcement of Park Rules Pertaining to Parking on Fields and Grassy Areas

\_\_\_\_\_ No parking signs will be installed adjacent to areas where off road parking has caused turf problems. The NRPD will be stepping up their enforcement in these areas.

Mr. Kendrick instructed the staff to notify the youth sport organizations of these steps so that they may notify their participants.

- A Draft Rental and Use Policy for the Municipal Building

\_\_\_\_\_ A lengthy discussion ensued regarding times when the rooms would be available for rental, whether or not rental fees will be charged, the types of uses permitted in the rooms and whether alcohol would be allowed. Mr. Dankmyer recommended that since the policy was

so detailed and involved so many issues that it should be tabled in order to give the Board ample time to carefully consider each of the issues. Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the use of the facility, prior to the adoption of the rental/use policy, provided a Township representative is available during the rental times. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- NHCOG 2008-2009 Rock Salt Bid - Low Bidder: Morton Salt, \$104.92 per ton.

Due to the lack of available inventory only one company submitted a bid on the contract. The sole bidder, Morton Salt, took exception to the bid specifications by requiring that participating municipalities accept the bid by August 18, 2008 and that they guarantee the purchase of at least 90% of their estimated quantity (3,000 tons) and that Morton Salt will only honor the price and guarantee delivery of up to 110% of the estimate. Mr. Kendrick made a motion ratifying the Township's acceptance of Morton Salt's bid and authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract with the company. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

The Supervisors authorized the administrative staff to review all operations pertaining to snow and ice removal to ensure that the roads this winter will be maintained as efficiently and economically as possible. The staff is also obtaining proposals for the installation of an electronic gate to prevent unauthorized access to the salt storage building.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Means reported on a response that he prepared a letter from an attorney representing the Tractor Supply Company. The letter sought clarification on how the Township would apply the regulation limiting sound originating from a property to 50 decibels as measured at the property line. Tractor Supply has agreed to do a preconstruction noise test, as well as, a post-construction test with specific measurements calculating noise from the store's roof-mounted HVAC equipment. The Supervisors adopted a motion ratifying their concurrence with Mr. Means' response.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Kendrick reflected on what an amazing and compassionate man former Richland Township Chief of Police Jim Hopper was. Mr. Kendrick said Mr. Hopper had a wonderful heart and that he helped more people in Richland Township than anyone could ever imagine. Mr. Kendrick reminisced about the holidays in the past when his father, Chief of Police Herold Kendrick and Mr. Hopper prepared food baskets for needy residents out of goodness of their own hearts. Mr. Bastianini said that he agreed with everything that Mr. Kendrick said and that he thought Chief Hopper was a great man whom he looked up to with great respect. Chief Hopper continued to help people his whole life. Mr. Allen suggested that the Township identify an appropriate way of honoring Chief Hopper.

Mr. Allen thanked Melissa Williams, the public works department, and Township employees for a successful Community Day.

Mr. O'Malley asked if the Township's rules regulating political signs in public right of ways is consistent with State law. Mr. Means responded that the political sign provisions of the new zoning ordinance were consistent with State law.

Mr. Pasquinelli reported that Dr. James Manley, Superintendent Pine-Richland School District, has invited the Board of Supervisors to tour the new Eden Hall Upper Elementary School. The tour will take place on Monday, August 25, 2008.

There being no further the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw  
Recording Secretary