

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

September 3, 2008

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dankmyer. There were seven people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Chairman	Jeffrey Walzer, Building/Zoning Officer
Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman	Gerald Reichart, Assistant Manager
George P. Allen, Supervisor	Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Brian M. O'Malley, Supervisor	Charles M. Means, Esquire
John A. Pasquinelli, Supervisor	Scott Shoup, P.E., Township Engineer
Dean E. Bastianini, Township Secretary	

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of the Supervisors meeting of August 20, 2008. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

James A. McKennan, 109 Rana Lane

A letter written asking the Township what needs to be done in order for roads in the Glenmoor Farms Plan to be accepted as public streets.

Mr. Means explained that the developer needs to post a maintenance bond. Once the Township receives the maintenance bond a resolution can be adopted to take over and accept the roads.

Al Repasky, 304 Ramsgate Drive

A letter expressing concerns about the number of deer in his neighborhood, and asking the Township to consider a deer culling program.

The Supervisors asked Mr. Bastianini to investigate the deer management programs in other municipalities.

Wayne Roller, Executive Director, North Hills Council of Governments

An invitation to attend the COG annual dinner on September 18, 2008 at Highland Country Club in West View.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing all interested Supervisors to attend the dinner at Township expense. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Municipal Building Rental & Use Policy

After discussing various sections of the proposed policy Mr. Kendrick made a motion to table further consideration and to allow the assembly room in the old municipal building to be used until the policy is in place. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motions and it was approved by all.

The Board appointed Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Pasquinelli to work with the staff to refine the policy.

St. Margaret Foundation AED Program

Mr. Bastianini presented a letter from Mr. Tim Lutz of PIRMA which stated that the indemnification language in the AED agreement would not result in claims being excluded under the Township liability insurance policy. Mr. Means said the letter satisfied his questions. Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute the donation agreement with St. Margaret Foundation. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to advertise an ordinance revising the Township's storm water management requirements to comply with State law. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the advertisement of a public meeting of the Township's Transportation Impact Advisory Committee on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building public meeting room. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Ms. Suzanne Owens as a full-time employee, and to terminate her one year probationary period effective September 4, 2008. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported on the following topics.

- The start of construction on the concession stand/press box adjacent to Field #4.

- A seminar which Mr. Dankmyer, Mr. Reichart and he had attended on gas well drilling.
- The failure of the Westmoreland COG to receive any salt bids.
- The work Mr. Means is performing to prohibit horses on trails and roads in the park, and the increased enforcement of no parking rules.
- A proposed change in the rules for the rental of the barn providing Richland residents with the sole opportunity to rent the facility during the first two weeks in January
- Presentation of the PLIGIT procurement card program.
- ALOM officials plan to visit a county-wide earned income tax collection office in Lancaster, Pa on September 30, 2008.
- The Pennsylvania Resources Council and the Allegheny County Health Department's sponsorship of a "Hard to Recycle" collection event for area residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., September 20th at the North Park Pool Parking Lot.
- Community Day Fireworks: Like other commodities fireworks prices are going through the roof. Since Richland is under contract with Zambelli for 2009 the Township is protected from the increase for another year.
- The substantial completion date for the new municipal building was May 16, 2008. The architectural contract provided a 60 day closeout period. Consequently, any services rendered subsequently are eligible to be billed.
- State regulations prohibit the posting of "No Jake Brake" signs on Valencia Roads. The Board approved installation of the signs on Foggy Hollow Road.
- An analysis by Shoup Engineers of the methodology used by the RTMAAC to substantiate an increase in the 2009 fire hydrant fee from \$125.00 to \$210.00. Mr. Shoup concluded that the calculation is appropriate. The new fee will result in an increase of \$30,600.
- Since the last Board meeting the traffic signals at Route 910/McIntyre Road/Turner Road and the Meridian and Bakerstown Road intersections were placed into operation.

The Secretary requested an executive session following the public meeting to discuss storm water issues stemming from heavy rains in June and a violation notice issued to the operators of the Get-Go store; both of which involve potential litigation.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Kendrick suggested the Northern Tier Library facility be used for private parties instead of the municipal building.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Robert Keally, Bauer Drive reported that a large portion of the “Penn Oak” tree in the community park has fallen. Mr. Bastianini said the damage occurred a few years ago. Mr. Keally asked when Consolidated Communications proposed to install the communications cabinets on Forestwood Drive. Mr. Bastianini responded that they were no longer interested in the Township’s site. Mr. Keally, asked if the Orchard Park residents had sued the Township over the new zoning ordinance. Mr. Bastianini responded that the Township had not been served with a law suit.

Mr. Thomas Simon, 323 Ramsgate Drive asked the Supervisors for their help, and sincere consideration when deciding what the Township can do about the flooding on Ramsgate Drive, which effects his home.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary