

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 7, 2007

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Dankmyer. There were ten people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Chairman

Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman

George P. Allen, Supervisor

Brian M. O'Malley, Supervisor

John A. Pasquinelli, Supervisor

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Secretary

Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary

Donald Palmer, Esquire

Mr. Bastianini discussed the results of the General Election. He congratulated Mr. Dankmyer, Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Allen on being re-elected. He also reported the approval of all four referendum questions amending the Home Rule Charter. He stated that the Solicitor would prepare language amending the Administrative Code to implement the changes which were approved by the voters.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Dankmyer opened the public hearing on a proposed amendment to Chapter 27 ("Zoning") Part 25 ("Regulation of Lighting and Glare") of the Township Code of Ordinance. Mr. Palmer administered an honesty oath to all persons wishing to present testimony.

Mr. Bastianini explained the context of the proposed amendment, and the procedures for adoption as required under the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code. Following Mr. Bastianini's comments Mr. Palmer asked if any other persons wished to speak. No one came forward. Mr. Allen made a motion to end the discussion for the evening, and to continue the public hearing on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to table consideration of an amendment to the zoning ordinance banning the illumination of canopies, awnings, and other structures. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18 of 2007 confirming the pending status of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment banning the illumination of canopies, awnings and other structures. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and the resolution was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' Meeting of October 17, 2007. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak about any items on or off the agenda. Mr. Christopher Russell, 161 Wedgewood Drive asked the Supervisors to introduce themselves. They each complied.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Scott M. Pauchnik, Director Office of Legislative Affairs PA Department of Environmental Protection

A letter, addressed to Representative Mike Turzai, acknowledging that Richland Township was recently awarded a \$49,437.00 Recycling Performance Grant.

Mr. Dan Nackley, 128 Weybridge Road asked if the amount of grant funds was based upon the amount of material recycled. Mr. Bastianini replied that it was. The more materials Richland residents and businesses recycle the larger the performance grant.

PLANNING COMMISSION - OCTOBER 15, 2007

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher A. Russell and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Maleski - Final plans for a minor subdivision to reestablish Lot #211 in Phase 2 of the Wedgewood Plan. Plans dated March 2, 2007.

Attorney Alex Bunson presented the plan. After a discussion Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the final plans as submitted contingent upon a Transportation Impact Fee being paid at the time a building permit application is submitted for the construction of a home on Lot #211. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Following a review of the consulting engineer report, Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 423 approving the engineer's report and authorizing a Guaranty Agreement with the Richland Township Municipal Authority of Allegheny County for a \$1.5 million bank loan to finance the construction of a new water tower. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 424 amending Chapter 15 ("Motor Vehicles") Part 3 ("Restrictions on Size, Weight, Type of Vehicle and Load") of the Township Code of Ordinances, establishing weight restrictions on fourteen (14) Township roads. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion for the Chairman to execute a developer's agreement with Marathon Partners guaranteeing the public improvements contained within the Parkview Estates Plan; Phase II. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19 of 2007 authorizing the Chairman to execute a Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement pertaining to the Fairwinds sanitary sewer line extension project. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to advertise an ordinance granting a cable service franchise to the North Pittsburgh Telephone Company. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 24, of the Codified Code, restating Part 1, "Emergency Municipal Services Tax" and imposing a "Local Services Tax" and authorizing rules for the administration and collection of such tax. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20 of 2007 accepting the sanitary sewer lines constructed under an agreement with Christopher (Jake) Melisko. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported on the following:

- The Phillips Road sanitary sewer project is nearing completion. Design plans are under way for the Dickey Road sanitary sewer extension project.
- An \$800,000.00 CMAQ grant application has been submitted for the Ewalt Road and Route 8 traffic improvement project. The local matching funds consist of \$995,000 in TIF fees, and \$200,000 from the Highway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.
- The preliminary 2008 budget will be completed by November 15, 2007. A public hearing will be held on December 5th with adoption scheduled for December 19th.
- The Township is working with Vogel Disposal to prepare a flyer explaining the new solid waste contract which will go into effect January 1, 2008. Cardboard will be added to the recycling program and plant and garden material will be excluded except for four designated collection dates. Residents will have to bring this waste to a central drop off site.
- The Get-Go canopy is in the test lighting phase.

- Mr. Means has resolved the outstanding issues with each of the following agreements and they are now ready for the Chairman's execution:
 - a. Freedom Systems Premium Support Plan Agreement, and Master Software Agreement - Mapping Management System; and
 - b. Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission North Montour Road Easement Agreement & Vehicle Access Ramp Agreement

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Palmer discussed a proposed stipulation to resolve a tax assessment appeal on a vacant lot owned by Bozzo Builders. Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to sign the stipulation. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Dankmyer reported that the Sunoco gas station on Route 8 has tall grass which impairs visibility. Mr. Kendrick reported that there is a large pot hold on Meadow Lane. They asked the staff to address both issues.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary