

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 18, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman, Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were nine people present in the audience including Supervisors Elect John Marshall and Barton Miller. 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 Manager
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Charles M. Means, Esquire

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' meeting of October 21, 2009. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Dankmyer asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. No one came forward.

Mr. Kendrick acknowledged, and moved to approve the October 2009 Financial Statement which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. George E. Kane, Jr. Chairman
RTMAAC

A letter announcing an increase in water rates for all usage billed as of January 1, 2010. The water charge will be increased from \$4.50 to \$5.30 per thousand gallons used and the base charge will increase from \$24.00 to \$27.00 per quarter. This represents an increase of 16%.

Blanche Welsh, Dolly Michler, & Irene Staruch

A note of appreciation from the women who formerly rode the senior citizens bus thanking the Board of Supervisors for their continued support of the Access program, and for "keeping us shopping".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the advertisement of an ordinance for consideration on December 16, 2009, requiring sanitary sewer customers who do not receive public water to purchase and install approved wireless meters. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Means recommended that a resolution establishing fees for the wireless meter program be ready for consideration at the December 16th meeting.

Mr. Bastianini offered to meet with members of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association to discuss their concerns and perspectives on this matter. Mrs. Robinson will help to schedule the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19 of 2009 accepting Madison Drive within the Grandview Estates North Plan of Lots; including designated storm and sanitary sewers. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Pasquinelli asked if there was any progress having PennDOT address the deteriorated condition of the concrete island located at the Route 8/Norhtowne Square traffic signal. PennDOT has yet to respond to the Township's letter. Mr. Bastianini will follow up.

Mr. Pasquinelli and Mr. Kendrick expressed concern over two issues pertaining to Eden Hall Upper Elementary School: 1) the improper maintenance of landscaping and vegetation, and 2) the District's decision to allow students to walk to and from school. Mr. Bastianini will invite Superintendent Bucci to a meeting where School District representatives can explain their thinking on these matters.

Mr. Kendrick reported that County employees had begun repairs on Meridian Road.

Mr. Pasquinelli said he was impressed with the quality of the repair work on Willow Creek Drive; which was much needed. Mr. Bastianini said the acceptance of that portion of the street will be on the agenda of the next Supervisor's meeting.

Mr. Robert Keally, Bauer Drive asked if the Cut Flower property had been sold, and if the Township had received any word on the grant which had been applied for to demolish some of the buildings on the Pittsburgh Cut Flower property? Mr. Bastianini responded that it had not sold, and that the grant announcement will be made some time in December.

Mr. Harry Kuni, 3912 Milton Drive and Mr. Richard Schultz, 5709 Meridian Road spoke, in order to place on the record concerns they had with the restoration work performed by the contractor for the Milton Acres sanitary sewer project.

Mr. Bastianini responded that their concerns were duly noted on record and offered to meet with them at the affected properties with the Township engineer.

Mr. Schultz also mentioned that his home had been vandalized over three weeks ago, and to date had not heard from the Police Department. Mr. Dankmyer responded that he will be attending the Police Board meeting and will ask about the status of the investigation.

Mr. John Marshall reported that there were ruts in the landscaped areas where the sewer line was installed between the houses on Wesleyann and Franklin Drives. Mr. Marshall also reported that the church mailbox was knocked down twice, and that he replaced the mailbox twice.

Mr. Bastianini responded that the contractor is still responsible for landscaping and restoration. The Township will hold the contractor accountable until all repairs have been made.

Mr. Ed Staley, 6230 Route 8, reported that there is a large sign at the entrance of Parkview Estates that blocks visibility. Mr. Bastianini said the developer would be notified.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The Board went into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation. Mr. Dankmyer excused himself for a portion of the executive session which pertained to his employer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary