

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

December 3, 2008

PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Workshop meeting of November 17, 2008 and Supervisors meeting of November 19, 2008. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on any items either on or off the agenda. No one came forward.

Mr. Bastianini distributed a supplemental list of bills payable which included final payment to Shoup Engineers for the Dickey Road sewer project and Request For Payment #13 from R.A. Glancy, General Contractor for the new municipal building. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve all of the bills payable including those on the supplemental list. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert E. Goetz, P.E.
Trans Associates

A letter recommending left turn restrictions from Heckert Road and Applewood Drive onto Route 8 during the afternoon hours.

After a brief discussion, Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the advertisement of an ordinance to implement the turn prohibitions:

Route 8 and Applewood Drive - Prohibit left turns from Applewood between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Route 8 and Heckert Road - Prohibit left turns from Heckert Road between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. David Kudlock, 4134 Grandview Drive, spoke on behalf of the residents who had submitted an application requesting that traffic calming measures be considered for a portion of Grandview Drive between the Get-Go Store and the Oakhill Road intersection. Mr. Kudlock urged the Supervisors to proceed with the traffic calming study. Mr. Harry Rourke, 4139 Grandview Drive also addressed the Board regarding his concerns about child safety and speeding on the street.

Mr. Bastianini explained the Township's traffic calming policy. In order to qualify a street must meet one of three conditions: 1) traffic volumes on the street must equal 1,000 vehicles on a weekday; 2) an average of 100 vehicles per hour must use the street during a designated period; and 3) 85% of the vehicles using the street must be traveling 10 mph about the posted speed limit.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr O'Malley made a motion authorizing Trans Associates to perform traffic counts within the study area of Grandview Drive to determine if warrants for traffic calming are met, and if they are to develop a traffic calming plan for a not to exceed price of \$4,900. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini stated that the base collection price for solid waste will remain unchanged in 2009 at \$17.46. According to a formula in the contract, however, Vogel is entitled to a fuel cost adjustment of \$.09 per month per customer. The increase will amount to \$0.36 per quarterly bill.

Mr. Bastianini explained a new MEIT program which will enable employees to annually elect to pay the Federal tax on the disability insurance premium. If they do so, and then subsequently collect disability benefits, the benefits would not be subject to Federal tax. Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the Township to offer the program to employees. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion to accept a proposal from Lakeshore Industries to manufacture a street sign, for the price of \$715.00, honoring former Chief of Police Jim Hopper. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The Supervisors discussed various locations for the installation of the sign, as well as, the quality of the sign material and post. They also recommended that the location be discussed with the Township Traffic Engineer.

The Supervisors reviewed the list of appointments which will be considered at the Board's Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2009. The only vacancy for which an incumbent has not applied is on the Municipal Authority.

Mr. Allen made a motion to subsidize the 2009 fees for Access Transportation Services for senior citizens. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini distributed a report prepared by Jerry Reichart, Public Works Superintendent regarding snow and ice control operations. Over the past few winter seasons, the public works department employees were introduced to methods of calibrating salt spreaders so that they were aware of how much salt they were applying at various speeds and control dial settings. With this year's increase in salt prices Mr. Reichart has developed a means of improving the spread control valves resulting in a 38% reduction in salt usage. Mr. Bastianini and the Supervisors express appreciation for Mr. Reichart's and the crews' efforts.

Mr. Bastianini presented a financial report on General and Sewer Fund revenues which confirmed 2008 projections and provided solid indications that 2009 budget projections were both obtainable and conservative. The 2009 budget is scheduled for adoption on December 17th.

Mr. Bastianini asked the Board to consider whether field usage and barn rentals fees should be increased for the upcoming season. Mr. Bastianini indicated that expenses are going up and costs of maintaining the facilities are increasing as well. He will prepare a report for the Board's consideration at their next meeting. Mr. Pasquinelli asked Mr. Bastianini to include in the report comparisons of other facilities and Townships.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. O'Malley asked the Board to consider making a financial contribution to the Sam Hicks Foundation. Proceeds will be used to create a scholarship fund for the child of FBI Agent Mr. Hicks, who was slain while serving an arrest warrant. The Supervisors tabled this request pending consultation with the Township Solicitor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary