

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 16, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman, Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were nine 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 Manager
George P. Allen, Supervisor	Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Brian M. O'Malley, Supervisor	Elizabeth Sattler, Esquire

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' meeting of December 2, 2009. Mr. Pasquinelli 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 November 2009 Financial Statement which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Allegheny County Boroughs Association

An announcement that the Association's annual banquet will be held on February 6, 2010 at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the Supervisors to attend the banquet with the Township meeting the expense. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - NOVEMBER 16, 2009

Dr. Joseph Pettinato - Approval of preliminary and final land development plans for a remodeled and expanded office building and parking lot situate 5476 William Flinn Highway, (Lot & Block No. 1506-F-46) in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District. Revised plan date: December 1, 2009.

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Mr. John Schleicher, P.E., E.A. Thaner & Associates, representing Dr. Joseph Pettinato presented the plans. After a brief discussion, Mr. Allen made a motion granting preliminary and final land development plans based upon the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all of the conditions established by the Planning Commission.
2. Compliance with the Township's lighting regulations; and
3. An additional note on the plans stating that "when solid waste, garbage or recyclable materials are stored outdoors they shall be contained within an enclosure which complies with the zoning ordinance".
4. Payment of a Transportation Impact Fee in the amount of \$5,052.00.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bastianini explained the changes between the Preliminary Budget figures of November 15th and the Final Budget amounts.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 439 adopting the 2010 budget by establishing the following tax levies:

General Purpose Real Estate Tax: 2.75 mills

Street Light District charge per front lineal ft. \$0.45 dollars

and establishing budget totals for the various funds as follows:

General Fund (01) \$ 5,094,715

Street Light (02) \$ 4,000

Municipal Impact Fee
Account TSA #1 (North) (04) \$ 219,000

Municipal Impact Fee
Account TSA #2 (South) (05) \$ 1,430,000

Sewer Fund (08) \$ 2,304,500

2007 Bond Fund (16)	\$ 42,000
Park Grant Fund (18)	\$ 200,700
Municipal Building Capital Fund (30)	\$ 59,800
Highway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (31)	\$ 418,400
General Capital Reserve Fund (33)	\$ 497,800
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund (34)	\$ 1,350,000
Highway Aid Fund (35)	\$ 287,200
General Employees Pension (65)	<u>\$ 83,800</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,991,915

Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Mr. Allen congratulated Mr. Bastianini on another year without raising taxes. Mr. Bastianini said it takes team work, and thanked the employees and Township Supervisors for their roles in promoting financial responsibility.

Mr. Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21 of 2009 ratifying the 2010 participant contribution to the Northern Regional Police Pension Trust. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 440 requiring sanitary sewer customers who do not receive public water to purchase and install approved wireless meters and transmitters. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22 of 2009 revising the Township's official fee schedule, including an amendment increasing the application fee for Traffic Calming Studies from \$100 to fifteen percent (15%) of the estimated cost of performing the data collection study contained in Step #1 of the Township's Traffic Calming Policy. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23 of 2009 consenting to a Loan Modification Agreement between the Richland Township Municipal Authority and Mars National Bank. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Ms. Sattler wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Dankmyer presented Mr. Pasquinelli and Mr. O'Malley with gifts acknowledging their service as Township Supervisors. Mr. Allen thanked Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Pasquinelli for looking out for the community in a non-partisan way. Mr. Bastianini elaborated on the Township's major accomplishments during their term. He ended with a motto from the Athenian Code of Pericles, written in 425 BC: "It is the duty of every public official to leave the city better and more beautiful than they found it". He said that Mr. Pasquinelli and Mr. O'Malley have been true to the Athenian tradition of democracy by promoting the public interest over the interest of special groups and private individuals. He thanked them for their leadership and for their support of the staff and management. He wished them well going forward.

Mr. O'Malley thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve as Township Supervisor for the past four years. He thanked Dean and the administrative staff for making his job easier during his term. He thanked the other four Board members, saying they have done a lot of amazing things together, and that it was a pleasure working with them. He urged the Board to: "Work hard. This is a great Township and let's keep it that way".

Mr. Pasquinelli echoed Mr. O'Malley's sentiments. He also said it was great having a very supportive staff that is dedicated and full of motivation and intelligence. "It is second to none". He said Mr. Bastianini is an outstanding leader who has been able to keep the Board focused and on track and described his fellow Board members as "a very representative group of reasonable and responsible adults". He concluded by saying "Richland is a good place to live. It was a good place when I got here 37 years ago, and I think it is a better place to live today".

Mr. Kendrick said that he feels very fortunate to have worked with such a great Board of Supervisors, and that everyone's focus has been on how to do what is best for the Township. He said both Mr. Pasquinelli and Mr. O'Malley will be greatly missed.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Keally also thanked Mr. Pasquinelli and Mr. O'Malley for their years of service. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.