

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 4, 2010

The annual organizational meeting of the Richland Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Municipal Building, on Monday, January 4, 2010 was called to order by the Township Manager, Dean E. Bastianini at 8:00 P.M. There were six persons present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Supervisor
Raymond P. Kendrick, Supervisor
George P. Allen, Supervisor
John A. Marshall, Supervisor

Barton D. Miller, Supervisor
Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Tina Shaw, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Township Supervisors: John A. Marshall and Barton D. Miller

Mr. Bastianini asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the coming year.

Mr. Kendrick nominated Mr. Dankmyer for the position of Chairman. Mr. Allen seconded the motion, and it was approved by all. The Manager turned the meeting over to Mr. Dankmyer.

Mr. Allen nominated Mr. Kendrick for Vice Chairman. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Dean E. Bastianini as Township Manager-Secretary. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Dean E. Bastianini as Treasurer. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Gerald Reichart as Assistant Manager-Secretary. Mr. Allen seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Goehring, Rutter and Boehm as the Township's Solicitor consistent with the rates contained in the letter dated November 19, 2009 which remain unchanged from 2009. Mr. Allen seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Shoup Engineering, Inc. as the Township and Sanitary Sewer Engineer consistent with the rates contained in Shoup's proposal letter dated September 21, 2009. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Trans Associates as the Township's traffic engineer consistent with the rates contained in Trans Associates' 2010 proposal letter dated December 8, 2009 which remain unchanged from 2009. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Mars National Bank and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust as the depositories for Richland Township. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to retain the *Pine Creek Journal & Tribune Review North* as the official newspaper for legal advertisement. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to establish the regular meetings as the first and third Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of June, July and August when there will only be a meeting on the third Wednesday. The semi-annual Road Tour meetings will take place on April 7th and October 6th beginning at 5:30 p.m. The regular meetings on the nights of the Road Tours will start at 8:00 p.m. The Budget Workshop meeting will take place on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Mr. Brian O'Malley for a five year term on the Municipal Authority; ending on December 31, 2014. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to reappoint Mr. James McChesney to the Planning Commission for a four year term expiring December 31, 2013. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Betsy Kane for a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board expiring December 31, 2012. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Walzer to the Pine Creek Watershed Assessment Steering Committee, and to the Deer Creek Watershed Assessment Steering Committee. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to reappoint Mr. John Baxter and Mrs. Jean Vaccarello for three year terms on the Parks and Recreation Board expiring December 31, 2012. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to reappoint Mr. Tim Gaichas, Mr. Guy Pedicone, Jr., Mrs. Diane Pontoriero, Mr. Joseph Pillart, Jr., Mr. Scott Rice, Mr. George Saad and Mr. James McChesney to the Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Mr. Guy Pedicone as Fire Official and Mr. Bill Wolverton as his assistant for one year terms expiring December 31, 2010. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Mr. Kendrick commended Mr. Pedicone on the great job he does and said it was a pleasure to reappoint him as Fire Marshall.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Mr. Guy Pedicone as Emergency Management Coordinator and Mr. Bill Wolverton as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator for one year terms expiring December 31, 2009. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to appoint Mr. Herbert Dankmyer, Mr. George Allen, and Mr. Raymond Kendrick to the Board of Directors of the Northern Regional Police Department of Allegheny County. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Mr. Barton Miller as the Township Representative to the Northern Regional Police Pension Plan Committee. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Mr. John Marshall as the Delegate to the North Hills Council of Governments. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to appoint Mr. Herbert Dankmyer as the Alternate Delegate to the North Hills Council of Governments. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of the Supervisors Meeting of December 16, 2009. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion. Messrs. Allen, Kendrick and Dankmyer voted to approve the minutes. Messrs. Marshall and Miller abstained.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Allegheny League of Municipalities & Pennsylvania State Association Township Supervisors

Announcements regarding each organizations' annual convention.

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing all Board members, the Township Manager and Assistant Manager to attend the conventions with the Township meeting the expenses for meals, lodging, transportation and registration. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 441 establishing salaries, hourly pay rates and compensation for Township employees for calendar year 2010. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the proposal from Jordan Tax Services to serve as the Deputy Real Estate Tax Collector for the years 2010-2013. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini presented the Supervisors with a report prepared by Jerry Reichart which documented the public works department's winter maintenance activities to date. Since the first storm, on December 13th, there have been 15 callouts requiring the application of 726 tons of salt (valued at \$42,901) and 359 man hours (valued at \$16,223). Snow plow trucks have travel 3,605 miles (estimated cost \$14,360). Total estimate cost of December 2009 snow removal efforts: \$73,484.

Mr. Bastianini complimented the road crew for the wonderful job they did over the holidays. Mr. Marshall also complimented the road crew. He said that he travels very early in the morning for work, and that Richland's roads have been fantastic.

Mr. Bastianini referenced two newspaper articles which were recently written about 2010 budget decisions in Ross Township and Franklin Park Borough. The articles indicated that the elected officials in both of these communities, in addition to other program cuts, decided to reduce their 2010 paving programs by 90% and 50% respectively. He further said that the difficult financial situation in these two communities serves as a warning, and will be heeded by Township department heads and employees to limit discretionary spending in 2010 (as was the practice in 2009) and to closely monitor the performance of tax proceeds and expenditures throughout the year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The Supervisors, with the exception of Mr. Dankmyer, adjourned to executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary