

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman, Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were eleven people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Chairman
Brian M. O'Malley, Supervisor
John A. Pasquinelli, Supervisor

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Charles Means, Esquire

Mr. O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' Meeting of February 4, 2009. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Mr. Pasquinelli abstained from voting.

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

Mr. Bastianini presented a report comparing revenues and expenditures from January 2008 - January 2009. The report indicated that the receipts are in line with the projections contained in the 2009 budget. He also reported on the number of building permits issues for new residential units. If the current trend continues the Township should issue between 45-50 new residential building permits. He concluded by distributing a report showing 7 day yields on various PLGIT accounts ranging from 1.05% to 1.28%. He also provided reports on the \$1,780,000 worth of Certificate Deposits purchased in the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund which possess an average rate of 3.782% and \$1,302,00 worth of certificate deposits purchased in the Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2 with an average yield of 3.852%.

The Treasurer's report for the month ending January 2009.

General Fund	[\$1,515,133]	North Hills Sobriety Checkpoint	90
Street Light Tax Fund	890	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	319,473
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	189,733	General Capital Reserve	363,333
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,390,438	Sewer Capital Reserve	2,044,928
Sewer Fund	[42,022]	Highway Aid Fund	[74,352]
2003 Bond Fund	34,917	Municipal Pension Fund	944,059
2007 Bond Fund	156,393		

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Rod McAdams, Business Manager, HHSDR

A letter recommending that a “Certificate of Completion” and final payment of \$500.00 be issued to Vrabel Plumbing for work on the new municipal building.

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Mr. O’Malley made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute the “Certificate of Completion” and issuance of the final payment to Vrabel Plumbing. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Todd M. Kravits, P.E., District Traffic Engineer
PA Department of Transportation

A letter informing the Township of PennDOT’s approval of the proposed turn restriction at Heckert Road and Route 8 and the Department’s disagreement with the proposed restriction at Applewood Drive, at this time. Mr. Kravits stated that the reason for the denial was due to the lack of an adequate alternative access point to Route 8 for the Orchard Park community. Mr. Kravits said that the Department would re-evaluate the requests when the improvements planned for the intersection of Route 8 and Community Center Drive are complete. He also recommended that the Township pursue obtaining additional access points for the Orchard Park residents, and said the most logical and safest one, given the future proposed improvements at Route 8 and Ewalt Road, would be a connection with East Ewalt Road.

A short discussion ensued. The Supervisors concluded that, since projects on the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan could be implemented or changed within three years of the proposed installation date, the Applewood Drive turn prohibition could remain on the TCIP and that it will be reevaluated the next time the Transportation Impact Fee Committee meets.

Mr. O’Malley made a motion to remove the Applewood Drive left turn prohibition from the proposed ordinance which will be advertised to implement the turn restriction at Heckert Road. The proposed ordinance will also authorize the installation of stop signs on Clendenning Road at Weybridge Road and amend the Codified Code to accurately reflect changes in traffic regulations which were brought about because of prior traffic signal installations. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - JANUARY 12, 2009

Anthony Crankovic - Custard Crossing Restaurant - Preliminary and final land development plans for the construction of a High Turnover Restaurant, on property situate at 3771 Gibsonia Road, Zoning District “CM”, Commerce/Industry, Lot & Block, No. 1663-R-110. Revised plans dated February 1, 2009.

Mr. Anthony Crankovic, 300 Nathan Court, Wexford, PA presented the plan. After the discussion Mr. O'Malley made a motion to grant preliminary and final land development approval with following conditions:

1. Compliance with all of the conditions established by the Planning Commission at the January 12, 2009 meeting for granting final land development approval.
2. Compliance with all of the conditions contained in Mr. Scott Shoup's review letter dated February 3, 2009.
3. All lighting fixtures being field inspected by the Township to insure compliance with the Township's regulations. Any lighting found to be non-compliant will be removed or replaced prior to the issuance of an Occupancy Permit.
4. Payment of a Transportation Impact Fee in the amount of 15,156.00.
5. Acknowledgment that the developer has been informed that the Township has adopted a Transportation Capital Improvement Plan which provides for the future widening of Gibsonia Road where it abuts the property in question. The Township may seek additional right-of-way to accommodate the proposed widening.
6. The Supervisors and developer acknowledged the following at the public meeting:
 - Concrete paving is acceptable as an approved alternate to asphalt.
 - The developer shall have discretion over the final dumpster location provided it does not violate Township setback requirements. A final drawing showing the location shall be provided to the Township.
 - With the approval of the Zoning Officer, the size of the freezer enclosure (shown on the plans as 14 x 10) may be changed (i.e., increased) to accommodate the actual dimensions of the freezer purchased.
 - The supplier/manufacturer of the seven, 25 ft. light poles/fixtures may change from the one named on the plan. The poles/fixtures must comply with Richland Township's lighting regulations.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grandview Drive Traffic Calming Study

Mr. Bastianini reported that he felt the Township, as well as, Grandview Drive residents may have rushed to judgement at the last meeting with regards to installing three speed humps on Grandview

Drive. Consequently, he asked Mr. Goetz to revise Exhibit 4 showing the location of two speed humps instead of three. A discussion ensued and several residents provided their input. Mr. David Kudlock, 4134 Grandview Drive and Mr. Douglas Goncar, 4116 Grandview Drive, both expressed support for the idea of initially installing two speed humps provided the Township commit to installing a third if they are not effective in reducing speeds. Mr. Dankmyer said he was in favor of installing whatever measures the residents wanted and urged the establishment of a firm criteria to measure the effectiveness of the humps.

At the end of the discussion Mr. O'Malley made a motion to rescind the motion approved on February 4, 2009 to install three "Watts Speed Humps" on Grandview Drive. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion to initially install two "Watts Speed Humps" with the potential for a third speed hump as shown on "Exhibit 4 Revised". The need for the third hump will be evaluated by the Township traffic engineer following the initial installation, and the Township shall be obliged to install the third hump if the first two are not effective in reducing the 85th percentile speed of motorists within the study area to 25 mph. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Dankmyer reported that the NRPD Board voted to segregate year end surplus funds into a capital reserve, and asked each of the participating members to ratify the idea. He said that funds from the reserve would be used to pay for capital projects such as remodeling the police station and for capital equipment purchases. The Police Board shall create a Capital Reserve Budget annually and the Board shall decide how much of any year-end surpluses shall be allocated to the reserve fund. Two memos in the meeting packet, one from Chief Amann and one from the municipal managers of the participants, provided guidelines for establishing and operating the reserve.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Pasquinelli made a motion to approve the NRPD's concept of the Capital Reserve Fund as defined in the two memos. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Christine Crankovich, 300 Nathan Court commended Jeffrey Walzer, the Planning Commission and the Township staff for all of their time and effort in helping them with their plan. She stated that the Board of Supervisors are blessed to have such wonderful people working for them.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary

