

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JULY 15, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman, Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were six people present in the audience. 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 Means, Esquire

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RICHLAND TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 117; CHAPTER 27 OF THE RICHLAND TOWNSHIP CODIFIED CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Dankmyer opened the public hearing. Mr. Means explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments and questions from the public on the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. Mr. Means administered an honesty oath to all persons wishing to present testimony. The only person to speak was Mrs. Annette Robinson, 108 Applewood Drive. Mrs. Robinson asked the following questions: 1) How are set-back calculated on properties which abut Transportation Capital Improvement projects?; and 2) Why were the timelier removed from various flow charts regarding the approval of Planned Residential Development? Mr. Bastianini and Mr. Means responded to each of the questions. Since no one else came forward Mr. Dankmyer closed the public meeting.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13 of 2009 establishing the proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance as a pending ordinance, and authorizing its advertisements as such. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors meeting of June 17, 2009. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Mr. Dankmyer abstained from voting.

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

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2009 was entered into the records:

General Fund	\$545,904	Park Grant	\$100,173
Street Light Tax Fund	2,403	Municipal Building Capital Fund	73,995
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	196,032	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	325,659
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,401,116	General Capital Reserve	335,429
Sewer Fund	237,768	Sewer Capital Reserve	2,066,482
2003 Bond Fund	103	Highway Aid Fund	47,809
2007 Bond Fund	50,464	Municipal Pension Fund	[25,039]

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 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

Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners

An announcement that the annual Fall Conference will be held at Seven Springs from Thursday, October 1 thru Sunday, October 4, 2009.

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

Joseph G. Brimmeier, CEO Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

An invitation to a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of the total reconstruction and widening of 6.8 miles of mainline from milepost 31 to 38; west of the Butler Valley Interchange.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Means explained the proper procedures for retaining and deleting electronic communications as prescribed by the *Pennsylvania's Municipal Records Manual*. Essentially emails are to be regarded in the same manner as paper records. After a brief discussion, Mr. Allen made a motion adopting Resolution No. 14 of 2009 authorizing and directing the disposition of electronic records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to award John T. Subrick Inc. the contract for construction of the Route 910 Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, for the bid price of \$780,123.00 and the contract for Alternate "A" for the bid price of \$18,350.00. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the solicitation of RAP's for consulting services to prepare a Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan, and Master Site Plans for the former municipal building and orchard park sewerage treatment plant properties. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion to advertise construction bids for the community park improvement project contingent upon CNR's approval. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to award Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (PIRMA) the contract for the Township's 2009-2010 property and liability coverage. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16 of 2009 designating the Pittsburgh Cut Flower Property as blighted. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Board members questioned Mr. Means over the Township's duties and responsibilities for structures on the Cut Flower Property.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17 of 2009 authorizing the submission of a CDBG application in the amount of \$125,000 to demolish structures located on the Pittsburgh Cut Flower property. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini presented a mid-year financial report which indicated that expenses are in check and revenues are up for 2009. He also reported that the number of building permits issued for new residential construction was approximately equal to last year at this time. The fact that the Planning Commission has met only three times this year means that there are no new projects on the horizon and indicates that there may be an economic slow down in 2010 or 2011.

Next the Board viewed a photo presentation showing the three new retail businesses which opened in the first half of the year; Tractor Supply, Dunham's Sporting Goods and Harvest Valley Farm Market, as well as, Krebs Dodge which avoided a forced closure by Chrysler Corporation. A discussion ensued regarding the positive economic benefit these four businesses provide to the community in terms of jobs and expansion of the tax base. The discussion concluded by acknowledging the impact which occurs when residents make purchases at local businesses. Spending dollars locally has a multiplying effect in terms of sustaining other jobs and business in the area.

There were also photos showing examples of the Public Works Department's activities (berm work, line stripping and placement of stadium turf in the batting cages at the community park) and photographs of the demolition of the former municipal building which revealed the discovery of a previously unknown air raid (bomb) shelter under the front sidewalk.

Mr. Bastianini thanked Tina Shaw and Jerry Reichart for setting up the lap top computer for the presentation and relayed a compliment received from a Glenmoor Farm's resident who said Richland Township should be proud to have such a friendly and cooperative staff working for them.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Means discussed several topics of presentation at the upcoming Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners Conference which will be held at Seven Springs from October 1 - 4, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Kendrick expressed concern for the safety of motorists traveling in the southbound lane of Meridian Road north of the Milton Drive intersection. He instructed Mr. Bastianini to write a letter to Allegheny County making them aware of the situation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,