

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 19, 2007

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Dankmyer. There were six people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Chairman	Dean E. Bastianini, Township Secretary
Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman	Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
George P. Allen, Supervisor	Charles Means, Esquire
John A. Pasquinelli, Supervisor	

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' Meeting of September 5, 2007. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2007.

General Fund	\$ 244,520	N.H. Sobriety Checkpoint	\$ 90.00
Street Light Tax Fund	1,296	Municipal Bldg Capital Fund	212,931
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	102,559	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	188,076
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,226,070	General Capital Reserve	474,930
Sewer Fund	211,408	Sewer Capital Reserve	1,518,468
2003 Bond Issue	1,869,410	Highway Aid Fund	3,974
2007 General Obligation Bond	3,003,751	Municipal Pension Fund	687,202

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief of Police Robert Amann presented the Northern Regional Police Department report for August 2007. He also reported following:

- Halloween will be celebrated on October 31st between the hours of 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Chief Amann will request that PennDOT install a reader board to make residents aware of the new left hand turn restriction at Route 8 and Kenneth Drive.

- During the week of September 24-30th, the Department will conduct a “Click-It or Ticket” campaign. During this time officers will also be utilizing the En Rad machine to enforce speed limits.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Echo Richland Associates - Preliminary and Final Plans for the construction of a Sonic Restaurant on Lot 6R, Plans dated September 4, 2007, Lot & Block No. 1832-G-162.

Mr. Phil Bishop, of Echo Development presented the plans. At the end of the presentation Mr. Kendrick made a motion to grant preliminary and final plan approval of the plans with the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all previously established conditions of the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission and Township Engineer.
2. The landscaping plan will be amended to include mulching of all planting beds and the inclusion of seasonal planters as depicted in the restaurant’s color renderings.
3. Payment at the time of building permit application of a Transportation Impact Fee in the amount of \$32,500.
4. The canopy material installed over the outside seating area shall be opaque, and maintained as an opaque surface.
5. The individual speakers in the menu boards shall at all times be set at the lowest volume consistent with the AVC active chart depicted below.

Distance from the Outside Speaker	Decibel Level of standard system with 45 db of outside noise with AVC active
1 foot	60 dba
2 feet	54 dba
4 feet	48 dba
8 feet	42 dba
16 feet	36 dba

6. Consistent with the Special Exception Approval of the Zoning Hearing Board, the Township and the developer should agree to work together to remedy any problems stemming from the speaker's volume being either too low for the reasonable use of Sonic customers, or so high that it causes a nuisance to adjoining residents.
7. Only exterior lights depicted on the photometric plan are hereby approved. Said lights shall comply with Township regulations and be subject to field testing. The following conditions shall apply to specific lights identified on the lighting plan. 1) Type B lights shall be limited to two, and shall be equipped with cube shields. The wattage of Type B bulbs shall not exceed 175 watts. 2) the brightness of Type A bulbs shall not exceed 100 watts. 3) All wall mounted lights, including Type D, shall be full cutoff, flat lens, and 4) fixtures type E & F shall be equipped with house side shields.
8. No external LED or neon lights are included in this approval, nor are any illuminated canopies or other types of illuminated solid surfaces. The painted, aluminum deck over the outside parking service areas shall contain no illuminations and shall be designed so that no light is omitted at all.
9. All exterior lights with the exception of security lights shall be turned off within approximately twenty minutes after employees leave the premises.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mark Wolosik, Division Manager
Department of Administrative Services, Elections Division

A letter stating that the Allegheny County Law Department has approved the ballot questions pertaining to amending the Township's Home Rule Charter for the November 6, 2007 General Election.

Mr. Gary Klaas,
Fairwinds Homeowners Association

A letter expressing concern regarding traffic conditions at the intersection of Route 8 and Willow Creek Drive.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Secretary to write to PennDOT asking them to conduct a traffic study to determine whether traffic signals are warranted at the intersection, and pledging that the Township would fund the cost of installing the signal should they prove to be warranted. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the results from the bid opening for the Solid Waste/Recycling Contract. The Secretary presented the Board with price comparisons from the 2005 bid. After a discussion Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the low bid proposal of Vogel Disposal in the amount of \$17.46 for 2008 and 2009, and \$18.62 for 2010. The contract also contains an option price of \$18.62 for 2011 at the sole discretion of the Township, and a mutual option price of \$ \$19.99 for 2012. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2007 authorizing the Chairman and Township Secretary to sign a grant agreement with PennDOT for the "Allegheny County North Hills Area Sobriety Checkpoint and Expanded DUI/Underage Drinking Enforcement Program" for the period September 30, 2007 - October 1, 2008. The grant amount is \$51,593. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16 of 2007 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to update the Township's Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

The Secretary reported that the semi-annual Road Tour meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 3, 2007 and the regular public meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Means explained that revisions had been made to the commitment letter from the Mars National Bank to guarantee a one million, five hundred thousand dollar (\$1,500,000) bank loan to the Richland Municipal (Water) Authority. The Water Authority has signed off on the letter, and is asking the Township to do the same. Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute the commitment letter. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Pasquinelli asked Mr. Bastianini and Mr. Reichart to meet him at the park to discuss several maintenance issues.

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COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Wayne Dollard, 218 Windmer Court, Peters Township, PA spoke to the Board regarding a community magazine that he is proposing to publish in Pine and Richland.

After listening to Mr. Dollard several Supervisors expressed reservations about the cost and administrative work load of participating in the project. The Board took no formal action on the proposal.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary