

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 3, 2007

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Dankmyer. Mr. Dankmyer reported that the Supervisors conducted an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation. There were three 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 Secretary
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Scott Shoup, P.E., Township Engineer

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' Meeting of September 19, 2007. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Louis P. Vitti, Esquire

A letter announcing his resignation as a Zoning Hearing Board Officer effective immediately.

Mr. Allen made a motion to accept his resignation with regrets. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Maggie Steffish, Abbey Steffish, Andy Steffish

Letters thanking the Board of Supervisors for the monetary gift they received for working Community Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Allen made a motion to table consideration of an easement agreement with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for the installation of underground anchors with the North Montour Road right-of-way pending review of the Township Solicitor. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported on the following:

- The roads discussed during the road tour for inclusion in the 2008 paving program.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Township engineer to prepare design plans for the following streets:

Banbury Crossing	Lynn Drive
Carters Grove Road	James Drive
High Meadow Drive	Victoria Place
Blossom Drive	Allegheny Avenue
Woodhill Drive (loop between Lamont)	Greenspring Drive
Georgianne Drive	Arborwood Drive (s. of Forestwood)
Cook Road	North Montour (remaining northern 1/3)
Ranalli Drive	Sandy Hill Road
Ridge Road (Bakerstown to Kim)	Linwood Drive

Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Bids will be advertised by the end of February 2008. The expense for Ridge Road will be paid by the Pine-Richland School District as specified by the developer's agreement for the new Upper Elementary School.

- The Township Engineer has completed Weight Restriction Studies for fourteen (14) Township Roads:

Allison Road	Gibson Road	N. Montour Road
Kim Lane	Grubbs Road	S. Montour Road
Community Center Drive	Kenneth Drive	State Road (N of Middlesex)
Dickey Road	Willow Creek Drive	Richland Road
Ewalt Road	McIntyre Road	

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance establishing weight limit restrictions on each of these roads. The ordinance shall be effective immediately as a pending ordinance at the earliest time permitted by law. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- Construction on the Route 8 and Route 910 traffic improvements is scheduled to begin on October 8, 2007. Route 910 will be closed to all traffic from Community Center Drive to Route 8 for approximately 90 days.
- PennDOT has given the Township permission to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 910/Turner & McIntyre Roads. Design plans are under review. Bids should be advertised by early 2008.
- A request from Trans Associates for a fee increase to \$137,500 for additional design services for the improvements at Route 8 and E. Ewalt Road.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Township to pay for the additional expenses conditioned upon no further engineering expenses being incurred beyond the authorized limit. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- A monthly status report from Chronicle Consulting on the progress made on the new Municipal Building. The anticipated move-in date has been changed to July 2008.
- Last week the senior citizens van broke down and had to be towed in for service. The estimated repair cost is \$1,675. This is the most recent in a series of ongoing major maintenance expenses. The Supervisors discussed the possibility of discontinuing the transportation service and replacing it with the OPT (Older Persons Transportation Program) sponsored by the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging. A report prepared by Ms. Cathy Dambach explained how the program would work. Mr. Keally and Mr. Brown, the drivers of the van, volunteered to ride with the women on a temporary basis.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the Township to sponsor the OPT program, and to pay for the service thru the remainder of 2007, for the approximately fifteen (15) elderly residents who rely upon the van for groceries. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- The 80% occupancy threshold for acceptance of the public roads in Phase II of the Grandview Estates North Plan has been reached. Upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer, Mr. Allen made a motion to provide winter maintenance on these streets with the understanding that the developer will install the wearing course next Spring. The Township will delay acceptance of the streets until that time. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an amendment to the Township Zoning ordinance banning the elimination of canopies within the Township. The ordinance shall be effectively immediately as a pending ordinance at the earliest time permitted by law. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary

