

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

October 7, 2009

**ROAD TOUR AND
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Road Inspection meeting began at 5:30 p.m. There were no persons 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

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Secretary
Jerry Reichart, Public Works Superintendent
Scott Shoup, P.E., Township Engineer

Mr. Reichart presented the Fall 2009 Public Works Department report. He described the Department's activities, and major accomplishments which included: 1) assisting with the demolition of the former municipal building, 2) construction of a retaining wall and storm water debris deflector on Gibson Road, 3) catch basin repairs, and the installation of under drain on various streets, and 4) projects at the community park. The Department also performed maintenance work on the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Reichart presented the equipment needs for consideration in the 2010 budget process, and explained repairs made to three steel dump truck beds. The work will extend the useful life of the vehicles by seven years. He concluded the report with an explanation of the man hour chart and equipment vehicle maintenance report.

Next, the Board discussed plans for the 2010 paving program, including the types of applications which the engineer and staff recommend for each of the road candidates. The preliminary 2010 road paving budget is proposed to range from \$882,000 to \$966,000. At the conclusions of the discussion the Supervisors authorized the Township Engineer to prepare design plans for the following streets. The streets will be advertised in groups to maximize the Board's flexibility in awarding paving contracts.

HOT MIX ASPHALT		
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Cook Road	Laurel Avenue	Turner Road
Georgiann Drive	Gibson Road (southern half)	McIntyre Road
Ranalli Drive		West Stag Drive

COLD MIX ASPHALT AND/ DOUBLE SEAL COAT			
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3 (Patching and Seal Coat Only)	Group 4 (Patching & Seal Coat Only & Double Seal Coat)
South Montour Road (southern section)	Four Wheel Drive	Linwood Drive	Meadow Lane (loop portion only)
	Grubbs Road (southern section)	Glasgow Road	McMorran Road
		Ridge Road	Patricia Lane
		Cunningham Road	

At the conclusion of the discussion the Supervisors boarded two passenger vehicles to begin the tour.

Former Municipal Building

The Supervisors discussed alternatives for utilizing or disposing of the debris from the demolition of the former municipal building. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. O'Malley made a motion to use the material to fill a depression near the hillside along Dickey Road. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Richland Volunteer Fire Department Station - Meridian Road

The Supervisors meet with Jim Kelly, Fire Chief and Dave McWilliams, Assistant Fire Chief to discuss the Department's plans to purchase a new 100 ft. ladder truck with a mid-mount platform. The cost of the vehicle is \$989,000. Mr. Kelly and Mr. McWilliams explained: 1) the reasons why the truck was necessary, 2) how it would be used, 3) the lack of similar equipment in nearby communities, and 4) the Department's fund raising efforts to date. On behalf of the Fire Department, Mr. Kelly and Mrs. MCWilliams asked the Supervisors to consider making annual \$25,000 contributions beginning in 2010, and continuing for the next 15 years, to pay one half of the debt service on the vehicle. They explained that if fund-raising efforts were successful then the amount of the Township subsidy could be reduced. The Supervisors asked a series of questions and said they would take the request under advisement.

Due to darkness the final stops on the road tour were: Ridge Road and Willow Creek Drive.

The Supervisors returned to the municipal building where they took up discussion of the Fire Department's request. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Kendrick made a motion to grant the Fire Department up to \$25,000 in annual debt service assistance for the purchase of the new truck, until the debt is paid off. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Supervisors conducted no further business, and at 8:00 p.m. adjourned the road tour meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean E. Bastianini
Township Manager