

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 7, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 was called to order at 8:00 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

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager

Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors meeting of September 2, 2009. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all

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

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$260,389.86. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the execution of a contract with Environmental Planning and Design (EPD) to conduct Master Site Plans for future recreational facilities at the former Municipal Building and Orchard Park S.T. P. sites, for a total contract price of \$9,999.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bastianini presented the Board with a report titled "Public Participation Guide" which explained the criteria and requirements for obtaining public input during the comprehensive recreation planning process. He explained that public participation is important because it allows the citizens to voice their opinion and gives them an opportunity to be involved with the execution of the plan. The role of the "Study Committee" is to provide a structured decision-making resource for the planning process. It is important to find dedicated people who can devote time to the project. Although the size can vary, he recommended a nine member committee, consisting of five Parks and Recreation Board members, and representatives from neighborhoods near park facilities. The Committee should be diversified in terms of age, interests and backgrounds of the members. In order to meet the project completion schedule the Board of Supervisors must appoint the committee members at their next meeting.

Mr. Bastianini reported that the number of building permits issued for new residential construction was approximately equal to last year at this time, and that there were thirty(30) real estate transfer sales in August with an average sale price of \$215,000.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion adopting Resolution No. 19 of 2009 authorizing the Township to participate in Allegheny County's Energy Audit Program. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini reported on the following:

- Sanitary Sewer Project - The sewer contractor has one crew working on Cook Road and another crew has started work on the Route 910 sewer project. A third crew is restoring the roadways in Milton Acres.
- 2009 - 2010 Paving Program - Russell Standard is in the process of completing the 2009 paving program by seal coating Oak Hill, North Montour and Sandy Hill Roads. Mr. Shoup has been authorized to begin design work on a preliminary list of roads for next year's program. Bids will be advertised in late winter.
- Allegheny North Tax Collection District - The Manager presented a handout describing the steps being taken jointly by the municipalities and school districts within the tax collection district area to prepare for the initial meeting of the group on November 4, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
- Mr. Bastianini acknowledged, by name, all of the Department heads and office staff members for the great job they did during his vacation absence. Mr. Kendrick thanked the Manager for preparing the employees to take on these responsibilities. Mr. Bastianini thanked the Supervisors for providing the resources needed to retain good employees.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Robert Keally, Bauer Drive asked a series of questions. 1) Are the speed humps on Grandview Drive effective? 2) Did the Township receive a grant for the demolition of buildings on the Pittsburgh Cut Flower property?, and 3) Did the Township receive a response from Allegheny County to its letter about resurfacing problems on Meridian Road? Mr. Bastianini responded :1) the speed humps on Grandview Drive are going to be rebuilt, 2) CDBG grant announcements will not be made until December and 3) the County only responded verbally to the Township's letter.

Ms. Donna Snyder, 5857 Valencia Road, asked if it would be feasible to install a recycling drop-off site at the municipal building? Mr. Bastianini responded that the Township once had a drop-off site. It was closed due to illegal dumping of hazardous waste and garbage.

Mr. Ed Staley, 6230 William Flynn Highway, reported that he had noticed excessive backups at the intersection of Grandview Drive and Route 8. Mr. Bastianini said the traffic signal had been malfunctioning and should now be corrected..

Ms. Annette Robinson, 108 Applewood Drive asked two questions: 1) Would the TIF Advisory Committee be meeting in 2009? and 2) What was the status of the ordinance requiring sanitary sewer customers on private wells to replace or upgrade their water meters? Mr. Bastianini responded that the TIF Committee would not be meeting in 2009, and that the Solicitor was working on the private water meter ordinance.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary