

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OCTOBER 15, 2008

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were approximately six people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

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

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' Road Inspection Tour and Public Meeting of October 1, 2008. Mr. Dankmyer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bastianini read the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2008.

General Fund	\$ 740,285	Municipal Bldg Capital Fund	8,256
Street Light Tax Fund	1,824	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	216,768
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	169,339	General Capital Reserve	88,999
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,367,659	Sewer Capital Reserve	1,930,334
Sewer Fund	401,748	Highway Aid Fund	2,267
2003 Bond Fund	105,861	Municipal Pension Fund	[34,293]
2007 Bond Fund	348,498		

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to table consideration of the park regulations regarding horses on trails and roads. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18 of 2008 adopting a Winter Road Service Policy. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19 of 2008 adopting a Municipal Building Rental and Use Policy. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

The Board approved the 2009 budget adoption schedule with the following change. The Budget Workshop meeting originally scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2008 will be rescheduled to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2008.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini reported on the following:

- Procedures for monitoring enforcement of the landscaping requirements established as conditions of approval for new developments.

Under the new zoning ordinance plant and trees have to be bonded for a five year period. Mr. Kendrick asked what recourse the Township has to monitor the landscaping after the five year period is up? Mr. Means indicated that there are provisions in the zoning ordinance indicating that the landowner and/or developer has to continue with the maintenance and obligation of landscaping. There is no time limit and they have to replace dead or dying plants indefinitely.

Mr. John Pasquinelli concurred with the requirements. He added that sometimes due to overgrowth the individual landowner should be able to decide whether to think plants within buffer zones.

- A request from the Pine Richland Youth Football League to install sprinklers on Fields #4 & #5 at the community park. The Board appointed Supervisors Allen and Pasquinelli to a committee to gather information and make recommendations for improvements to all of the fields at the community park including those identified in the Youth Football proposal.
- A request by a citizen for the Township to finance costs associated with connecting existing dwelling to public sewers.

After discussing the request, the Supervisors decided to continue the present policy of funding only the connection fee for residents who do not qualify for private loans.

- Plans for demolition of the old municipal building.

The Supervisors approved the disconnection of gas service to the building. The staff is in the process of removing paper, recyclables and trash from the offices. Once this task is complete Mr. Kendrick will evaluate the appropriate measures for disposal of the remaining furniture and equipment.

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- 2009 Road Improvement Program: The Supervisors reviewed Shoup's preliminary cost estimate for the roads which are identified as candidates for the 2009 paving program during the Fall road tour. The projected cost of all roads was \$1,547,300. This figure, which does not include double seal coating of the full length of North Montour Road, is approximately \$600,000 over the 2008 budget. Mr. Kendrick asked if it would be possible to bid the roads separately or in groups. Mr. Bastianini responded that the Township has done this in the past, and that there are pros and cons to bidding this way. Mr. Shoup will be asked to make a recommendation on the bid structure for next year's program.

- North Hills Council of Governments EIT Collection Committee

The NHCOC has created an Advisory Committee which will evaluate alternatives and make recommendations for establishing an administrative system to comply with the Act 32, which calls for the establishment of four Earned Income Tax Districts in Allegheny County.

- The Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee will conduct its bi-annual meeting on October 23, 2008.

Mr. Bastianini and Mr. Means requested an executive session to discuss an issue pertaining to real estate and a matter regarding potential litigation.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Kendrick reported that one morning he was near the Richland fire station when an alarm sounded. He was very impressed, but not surprised, by the quick response time of the Fire Department members..

Mr. Pasquinelli stated that there are four evergreens on the hillside near McDonalds that would make a very good back drop for the "Welcome to Richland" sign that will be installed soon. Mr. Bastianini will coordinate the location of the sign with the developer and installation company.

Mr. Allen commended the Pine-Richland football team on their Homecoming victory over North Allegheny.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary

