

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 17, 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	John A. Pasquinelli, Supervisor
Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman	Dean E. Bastianini, Township Secretary
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 3, 2007. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2007.

General Fund	\$ 482,351	N.H. Sobriety Checkpoint	\$ 90.00
Street Light Tax Fund	1,298	Municipal Bldg Capital Fund	215,465
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	103,397	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	193,677
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,240,058	General Capital Reserve	487,901
Sewer Fund	240,207	Sewer Capital Reserve	1,651,938
2003 Bond Issue	1,768,758	Highway Aid Fund	208
2007 General Obligation Bond	3,004,656	Municipal Pension Fund	683,862

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.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - OCTOBER 15, 2007

Joanne Sarver - Preliminary and final plans for a two lot subdivision for property situate 4171 Bakerstown road. Zoning District "R-3", Lot & Block No. 2187-M-36. Plan date revised June 18, 2007.

Ms. Joanne Sarver presented the plans which had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Mr. Means confirmed that the location of an existing dwelling on Lot #1 near the Pittsburgh Cut Flower property line did not require a variance because the dwelling's location was a non-conforming condition which pre-dated the zoning ordinance, and was not being worsened by the proposed subdivision. Mr. O'Malley made a motion to grant preliminary and final plan approval

for a two lot subdivision of property situate 4171 Bakerstown Road as presented. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Cleveland Richland Partners - Revised final land development plans for Colony Courts, Phase 3, Lot 33. Plans dated September 18, 2007.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. Jack Barmen dated October 11, 2007 agreeing to the conditions of approval contained in Scott Shoup's October 10, 2007 review letter. Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the preliminary and final subdivision plans for Phase III of Colony Courts by revising the building on Lot 33 from two (2) to three (3) residential units as presented with the following conditions:

1. Payment, at the time of building permit application, of the appropriate Transportation Impact Fee per unit (.52 trips x \$1,250.00 = \$650.00 per unit).
2. If decks are constructed in the future, no post footings shall be located more than 8 feet from the rear wall as shown on the plans.
3. Roof leaders carrying rain runoff from the units shall be extended so that surface discharge occurs below the toe of the fill slope and shall be discharged into energy dissipating rip rap; and
4. A new recording plan showing the shift of the lot lines from the original duplex to the triplex must be prepared.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Richland Township Municipal Authority of Allegheny County

A letter requesting the Township to implement a program to upgrade the water meters of sanitary sewer customers who have well water.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Secretary to prepare a plan to upgrade the water meters with the individual sewer customers who use well water being responsible for the cost of the meter. The Township will bear the expense for the installation. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

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A letter requesting the Township to update the Authority on the status of closing Dambach Avenue. The Authority has a main waterline located in the street and will need access to the line should

Dambach Avenue be abandoned. The Supervisors instructed the Secretary to write to the Municipal Authority that it would be their responsibility to secure the right-of-way for the water line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Following an explanation from Mr. Means, Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute an easement agreement with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for the installation of underground anchors within the North Montour Road right-of-way with the condition that the Turnpike Commission agree to remove paragraph #7 from the agreement. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for the posting of a perpetual escrow account as security for the maintenance of North Montour on the condition that the agreement be amended to include a provision requiring the replenishment of the escrow account, to a level of \$12,000, anytime funds are withdrawn from the escrow account. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17 of 2007 establishing the distribution of the Township's allocation of the 2% State tax levied on foreign fire insurance premiums which is earmarked to support Volunteer Fire Relief Associations. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Following a discussion of the benefits and uses of an electronic GIS mapping and land management system, Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the proposal from Freedom Systems to provide software and support for a land based information management system. The approval was conditioned upon the master software contract language meeting Mr. Means' satisfaction, and Freedom Systems agreeing to hold the annual price for system support and maintenance constant for at least three years. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. O'Malley made a motion authorizing the township to participate with other North Hills COG communities in cable franchise negotiations with North Pittsburgh Telephone Company and to retain Daniel S. Cohen to conduct the negotiations. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported on the following:

- The successful start up of the Access transportation program.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Secretary to advertise the sale of the used senior citizens van. Mr. Pasquinelli seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- An opportunity for the Township to submit a grant application for the Ewalt Road traffic improvement project to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for consideration under Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. The grant application deadline is November 5, 2007.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the Township Secretary to work with Mr. Robert Goetz, of Trans Associates to submit the grant application. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- Establishing the 2007-2008 service fee for winter maintenance of streets within occupied development plans which have yet to be accepted by the Township.

Mr. Allen made a motion to establish the rate of \$4,369.56 per mile for the 2007-2008 winter season. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- The use of LED lights as replacements for the incandescent light bulbs at the Dickey Road and Northtowne Square shopping center intersections with Route 8.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing Bronder Technical Services to perform this work. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

- Support for the Pine Richland United Youth Football grant application to obtain financing for the conversion of Field #4, at the community park, into a multi-sports field.
- A report on the construction schedule for the new municipal building and consideration of a change order to purchase equipment which will protect electrical motors in the event of a partial loss of 3-phase power.

Although the construction work is approximately one month behind schedule the new building is still expected to be completed by May 27, 2008 and the punch list items and final project close-out is scheduled for June 26, 2008. The next major construction items include the installation of the base course of the parking lot and the delivery of structural steel on Monday, October 29th.

After discussing the information contained in a report from Maureen Kohne, the onsite project manager from Chronicle Consulting LLC Mr. Allen made a motion to approve a change order to the electrical contract to install electrical equipment which will prevent a loss of voltage in the 3-phase power from damaging the building motors. The cost of the equipment, including installation, is \$3,910.00. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Means reported that he had had an opportunity to visit Dambach Avenue. Mr. Means advised the Board that the State Code provided a procedure for this type of action. The abandonment could occur after giving proper notice and the adoption of an ordinance. He indicated that any adjoining property owners would have the right to object if the Township eliminated the access to their property. He further explained the various options available to the Supervisors in terms of closing either all or part of the road, and stated that it was acceptable for the Township to simply close the road to vehicular traffic as it has done already. The Supervisors took no further action on the matter at this time.

Mr. Means reported on the status of the Water Authority's loan guarantee agreement and an ordinance which will be up for consideration at the Supervisors' November 7, 2007 meeting. Mr. Means said that he would be unable to attend the meeting due a conflict, and that Mr. Don Palmer, who was knowledgeable of the matter in his role as Counsel to Mars National Bank, would be present to address any issues that the Board might have.

Mr. Means requested an executive session following the public meeting to discuss a matter of litigation.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Pasquinelli stated the Fall-Winter Recreational flyer was done very well and that the person responsible should be commended. Mr. Bastianini said Ms. Melissa Williams was responsible, and that he would relay the compliment to her.

Mr. Kendrick recommended that the unpaved portion of Van Velsor Drive from the barn in the community park to Heckert Road be included in the 2008 road improvement bid.

Mr. Allen reported that Mike Turzai will sponsor a Town Meeting at the municipal building on October 18, 2007.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Lois Messmer, 4115 Grandview Drive, addressed the Board with a series of issues regarding the condition of the portion of Grandview Drive in front of her property. At the conclusion of her presentation Mr. Pasquinelli said the Board would discuss the matters and then provide her with a reply.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The Supervisors adjourned to an executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary

