

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 19, 2007

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were eight people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

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

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Meeting of December 5, 2007. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak about any items on or off the agenda. The following persons came forward to speak in opposition of the plans to abandon Dambach Avenue: Patricia McDonnell & Robert Lichina of 6062 Valencia Road, Mel Aiken, 6046 Valencia Road and William Gleason, 5960 Valencia Road.

The Supervisors told the residents that they will take their comments under advisement when making a decision on whether or not to proceed with the abandonment. Mr. Bastianini reported that discussions will continue at the Supervisors' Road Tour meeting scheduled for April 2008.

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

General Fund	\$365,271	N.H. Sobriety Checkpoint	\$ 90.00
Street Light Tax Fund	908	Municipal Bldg Capital Fund	215,483.00
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #1	107,949	Hwy Capital Improvement Reserve	196,952
Municipal Impact Fee TSA #2	1,225,407	General Capital Reserve	461,363
Sewer Fund	385,394	Sewer Capital Reserve	1,659,140
2003 Bond Issue	672,049	Highway Aid Fund	208
2007 General Obligation Bond	2,881,180	Municipal Pension Fund	715,600

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Larry William Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

A letter announcing that Richland Township was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the further development of Richland Park. The work to be performed under the grant includes the construction of access roads, parking areas, picnic pavilions, two micro soccer fields, enhancements to walking trails, installation of playground equipment and other improvements related to the creation of a family play area.

Mr. Kendrick thanked Mr. Bastianini for all writing the grant application. Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing Mr. Bastianini to write letters of appreciation to State Representative, Mike Turzai, State Senator, Jane Ori, Allegheny County Chief Executive, Dan Onaroto and Governor, Edward Rendell thanking them for all of their efforts and letters of support. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

Announcement that the PSATS convention will be held in Hershey, May 11-14, 2008.

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing all Board members to attend the convention with the Township meeting the expenses for meals, lodging, transportation and registration. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 426 incorporating an amortization schedule to the ordinance guaranteeing the Richland Township Municipal Authority's 2007 water tank loan. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

The Secretary reported on the differences between the preliminary and final 2008 budget. Adjustments were related to Mr. Elms' resignation as Tax Collector and the appointment of Jordan Tax Service, as well as, changes to the year end balances in the two bond funds. A summary of the changes follows:

- The General Fund's projected real estate taxes revenues were reduced by \$30,000. \$12,700 in savings in the tax collector line items was reallocated to the road program.
- The Highway Capital Improvement budget was decreased by \$2,000.
- The 2003 Bond Fund was reduced to \$675,000 as a result of the increased spending on sanitary sewers and the new municipal building. The remaining funds will be earmarked for sanitary sewer work next year. Also, since the Township has earned more interest than permitted, \$28,000 of interest must be refunded to the IRS in March.

- The 2007 Bond Fund was reduced by \$220,000 as a result of the expenditures on the new municipal building in November and December.
- The General Capital Reserve Fund was increased by \$38,000 in November and December.
- The Municipal Pension Fund was increased by \$4,500.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 427 adopting the 2008 budget by establishing the following tax levies:

General Purpose Real Estate Tax: 2.75 mills

Street Light District charge per front lineal ft. \$0.55 dollars,
and establishing budget totals for the various funds as follows:

General Fund (01)	\$ 4,829,400	2007 Bond Fund (16)	\$2,840,000
Street Light (02)	\$ 3,650	North Hills Sobriety Checkpoint (19)	\$ 34,500
Municipal Impact Fee Account TSA #1 (04)	\$ 142,000	Municipal Building Capital Fund (30)	\$ 220,000
Municipal Impact Fee Account TSA #2 (05)	\$ 1,455,000	Highway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (31)	\$ 292,000
Sewer Fund (08)	\$ 2,168,500	General Capital Reserve Fund (33)	\$ 693,000
2003 Bond Fund (15)	\$ 675,000	General Employees Pension	\$ 84,500
Sewer Reserve Fund (34)	\$ 1,960,000		
Highway Aid Fund (35)	\$ 260,200		

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

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to award the sale of the 1994 Ford E-150 Club Wagon to Rogers Auto Sales for the bid price of \$410.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Keally, Bauer Drive wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary

