

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JUNE 17, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Municipal Building, 4019 Dickey Road, Gibsonia, PA on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Raymond P. Kendrick. The meeting was open to members of the public who chose to attend in person and virtually using the Zoom meeting application. There was one person in the audience. The Officials present were:

In Person

Raymond P. Kendrick, Chairman
George P. Allen, Vice Chairman
John A. Marshall, Supervisor
Donna L. Snyder, Supervisor
John Sicilia, Chief of Police

Zoom Meeting

Barton Miller, Supervisor
Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary

Dr. Brian Miller, Superintendent of the Pine-Richland School District presented a report summarizing the highlights of the school year. Mr. Peter Lyons, President of the Pine-Richland School District reported on budget and future financial planning. Mr. Lyons stated that the 2020-2021 school year budget contained a flat millage rate from the current year. He commended Dr. Miller for guiding the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Supervisors thanked both Dr. Miller and Mr. Lyons for their presentation and for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' Meeting of May 20, 2020. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini stated that the meeting had been advertised and that the public had been given the opportunity to submit questions and comments electronically. No one did so. Mr. Kendrick asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. Mr. Cal Miller, 6006 Linwood Drive complimented the Township on the quality of the paving work performed on Richland Road. He said the street looked awesome.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the May 2020 Financial Statement which included balance sheets and revenue/expenditure reports for all funds, as well as, a list of the following checks issued in May. PLGIT Mastercard, #92712 – 92727, ACH Transfer Account, #1457 - #1469 and Nextier Bill Pay – General Fund, #1434-1436 & 5036 – 5105. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the bills paid prior in the following amounts Nextier Online Bill Pay – General \$31,563.66 and ACH Transfer Account \$36,334.70. He also made a motion to approve the payment of invoices for unbudgeted COVID-19 expenses in the amount of \$1,874.29. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief John Sicilia reported on the activity of the Northern Regional Police Department including a meeting between a group of his officers and a group of Pine-Richland students who were interested in knowing what the Department was doing in light of the protests which have arisen in response to the death of George Floyd who was killed by police during an arrest in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Chief said the meeting was therapeutic and helped to promote understanding. He concluded by saying he was personally disgusted by the killing and that he was proud that the NRPD had previously implemented all “8 Can’t Wait” use-of-force and de-escalation procedures which are being recommended by advocacy groups to prevent police violence.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marshall made motion authorizing the Chairman to execute an agreement with Morton Salt for the purchase of rock salt, for the 2020-2021 season, under NHCOG Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the price of \$69.36 per ton. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

After reviewing a bid tabulation sheet, Mr. Miller made a motion to award the contract for the Dragon Rouge Sanitary Sewer Project to Meyer Excavating for the price of \$40,804.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2020 adopting the Richland Township’s Reopening Plan. The Plan identifies policies and procedures for resuming in-person operations at Township facilities. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute Field Lease Agreements with the Pine-Richland Baseball Softball Association, Pine-Richland Youth Center (Dek-hockey) and EK Football Camp. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion.

Mr. Miller asked if the organizations must follow COVID-19 guidelines. Mr. Bastianini responded that the Township Solicitor has prepared an addendum to the lease agreement which require the applicant to follow COVID-19 guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the State Department of Health. Applicants are also required to provide a COVID-19 Safety Plan for their use of fields in Richland Park.

At the conclusion of the discussion Chairman Kendrick called for a vote on the motion to approve the three field lease agreements. The motion was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini explained that in order to prepare the community barn in Richland Park for rentals various disinfecting contractors were invited to inspect the facility. During those tours it was discovered that a mold problem had developed. The problem was caused by the entry of water through the foundation walls and a lack of fresh air circulating in the basement and the upstairs.

Arch Masonry & Concrete, which had performed work previously at the municipal building and public works garage, was contacted for advice on addressing the subsurface water infiltration problem. All work must be completed before the first scheduled rental on July 3rd.

To meet this deadline the public works department has excavated to the footer, on three sides of the structure, and has removed the concrete entrance ramp in preparation of the masonry repairs and water proofing. Once the repairs are made the crew will install a new French drain and backfill the full depth of the ditch with stone to help carry away the ground water.

At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing Arch Masonry & Concrete to install new block and perform masonry and water proofing services as outlined in a proposal dated June 10, 2020 for the price of \$5,800. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Miller made a motion authorizing the Chairman and Township Manager to further investigate and obtain price proposals for mold remediation. He further moved to grant the Chairman and Manager authority to authorize the mold remediation work to be performed prior to the next Board of Supervisors meeting at which time the authorization and cost will be ratified. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Allen said that he was approached by a resident who had a question about whether a permit was required to install anchors to a preexisting wall. Mr. Bastianini responded that he would talk to the Code Enforcement Office and then respond to Mr. Allen.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary