

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Raymond P. Kendrick. Four Supervisors were present at the municipal building. The other officials participate virtually. One member of the public was in the audience. The officials in attendance were:

Raymond P. Kendrick, Supervisor  
George P. Allen, Supervisor  
John A. Marshall, Supervisor  
Ann M. Miller, Supervisor  
Donna L. Snyder, Supervisor

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manger  
Jerry Reichart, Assistant Township Manager  
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary  
Chief John Silicia, NRPD  
Donald Palmer, Solicitor

Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes of the Supervisors' Meeting of February 17, 2021. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick asked for public comments. No one came forward.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the February 2021 Financial Statements as presented. The statements included balance sheets, revenue/expenditure reports and a list of checks issued from all funds. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the bills payable in the following amounts; General PLGIT \$33,080.66; Highway Aid, \$27,385.79; Highway Capital Improvement; \$754.00; Fire Protection Fund, \$210.00; General Capital Reserve, \$161,298.46 and a list of supplemental General Fund bills totaling \$48,586.25, to be paid on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Silicia updated the Board on the locker room project taking place at the police station.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

**Goebel Two Lot Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plandated January 20, 2021 Lot & Block No. 1832-B-155.**

Ms. Virginia Goebel, 103 Wedgewood Drive was present via Zoom. Mr. Bastianini explained the plan. After a brief discussion Ms. Snyder made a motion to accept the plan as presented and consistent with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission; 1) payment of a Transportation Impact Fee of \$1,265.00 upon issuance of building permit and 2) submission of an approved a Sewage Facility Planning Module. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Allegheny Land Trust

A letter indicating the Trust is conducting a Conservation Plan for the Deer Creek Watershed.

Randy Louis, 5901 Station Hill Road

An email expressing interested in serving on the Richland Municipal Authority Board.

The Supervisors instructed the Manager to invite Mr. Louis to attend the next Authority Board meeting.

Jim Sutter, Allegheny League of Municipalities

An email congratulating Richland Township for being recognized as one of Allegheny County's 2021 Banner Community.

Mr. Bastianini acknowledged the work performed by the employees and volunteers of the Township who made the recognition possible and Mr. Allen for leading the Township's participation in the Banner Community Program.

PSATS Morning News, an Article about the American Rescue Plan Act

Mr. Bastianini summarized an article on the financial assistance to state and local governments under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The article provided a preliminary description of the eligible uses and restrictions of the funds pending a final set of regulations from the Department of Treasury. Richland's estimated allocation is \$1,124,426. The Board of Supervisors will determine the best use of the funds, within the rules established by the Federal government, for eligible COVID related expenses incurred through December 31, 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Snyder made a motion to award Shields Asphalt Paving Contract 21-01 to resurface Grubbs Road (northern portion) and Walcott Drive (turnaround) for the price of \$274,996.93. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to table consideration of the carpet and flooring proposals received for the Northern Tier Regional Library Capital Improvement Project. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to accept the proposal from PPG Architectural Finishes for the acquisition of paint, under COSTARS Contract No. 008-0279, for the price of \$35.89 per gallon. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

After reviewing a bid tabulation sheet, Ms. Snyder made a motion to award Bartkins Painting the contract to provide labor and equipment to paint the interior of the Northern Tier Regional Library for the price of \$10,625.00. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Marshall made a motion accepting Mr. Garry Dhillon bid to purchase the Township's customized food service trailer for \$30,000.00. Mr. Dhillon's bid was the only one received during the online MUNICIPAL BID auction. \$30,000 had been established as the minimum bid price. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Ms. Snyder made a motion authorizing the Chairman to execute an agreement with Joe Palmieri Construction Inc. to install 180 feet of 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk at Richland Park for the price of \$13,860.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the proposal from Play and Park Structures for the acquisition of six (6) trash receptacles under COSTARS Contract No. 014-158 for the price of \$4,752.52. Ms. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Ms., Allen made a motion to table the authorization for the Chairman to execute a lease agreement with the Pine-Richland Baseball Softball Association for the use of the concession stand in Richland Park. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to authorize the purchase a new 2022 Peterbuilt Model No. "384 4X2" Cab and Chassis from Hunter Truck Sales and Service under COSTARS Contract 025-102 for the price of \$102,777.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to authorize the purchase and install a new stainless-steel dump truck body, hydraulic system and tailgate salt spreader from US Municipal under COSTARS Contract #025-019 for the price of \$45,195.00. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to authorize the purchase and installed a Gledhill snowplow and hitch from US Municipal for the price of \$11,073.00. Ms. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Allen made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute a Developer's Agreement and Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with Fed Ex Freight for the expansion of their facility on Kramer Road contingent upon the Solicitor's and Township Engineer's approval of the financial security and final terms of both agreements. Ms. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Ms. Miller asked that since an investment in sewer infrastructure is an eligible expense under the American Relief Act would the Township be able to lower sewer charges if it used the money to pay for a portion of the AVJSA sanitary sewer capital improvement project. Mr. Bastianini responded that the Federal money could not be used to reduce taxes, so it is unlikely that it could be used to lower sewer user rates. However, for many reasons it would make sense to use the one-time allocation on a once in a generation capital sewer investment project. Richland's estimated share of the AVJSA sanitary sewer system project is approximately \$15 million.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Cal Miller, 6006 Linwood Drive, thanked the public works department for the great winter road maintenance they provided this year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw  
Recording Secretary