

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 16, 2017

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. was called to order by Chairman, Raymond Kendrick. There were eleven people present in the audience. Mr. Marshall was unable to attend due to another commitment. The Officials present were:

Raymond P. Kendrick, Chairman
George P. Allen, Vice Chairman
Barton D. Miller, Supervisor
Donna L. Snyder, Supervisor

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
Donald Palmer, Esquire

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors public meeting of July 19, 2017. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kendrick acknowledged that the owners of PG Future Investors Preschool were present in the audience along with their attorney, Mr. Mitch Zemel. Mr. Kendrick asked Mr. Bastianini to describe the activities which had taken place since the Board approved the Plan for the preschool conditionally on July 19, 2017.

Mr. Palmer reported on the status of the developer's agreements and Mr. Bastianini identified which conditions of approval had been met and which were still outstanding.

At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the developer's agreement with the insertion of the information described by Mr. Palmer conditioned upon three items:

1. Submission of a signed financial security document;
2. Submission of the signed stormwater management operation and maintenance agreement; and
3. Acknowledgment by the Township staff that PA DEP has accepted and is processing the approval of a sewer facility planning module exemption form for the project.

Ms. Snyder seconded the approval it was approved by all.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the July 2017 Financial Statements which included balance sheets and revenue/expenditure reports for all funds, as well as, a list of the following checks issued in July. General PLGIT, Fund 01: #47117 - #47185, ACH Transfer Account, #1080 - 1090 and PLGIT Mastercard, #91877 - #91892. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the bills payable in the following amounts: General PLGIT, \$428,049.32, Sewer Fund, \$40,046.09 and General Capital Reserve Fund, \$2,740.00. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sara Knapp presented the proposed Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) which was advertised for public comment on July 14, 2017. Ms. Knapp used a power point presentation to explain the public participation process and to identify the quantity and type of pollutants that impair local streams. She outlined the field investigations and methodologies which Shoup Engineering and she used to determine the existing pollutant loading and to identify projects for remediation. Under the terms of the new MS4 NPDES Permit Richland must remove 10% of the existing sediment loads over the upcoming 2018-2023 five year permit term. Ms. Knapp concluded her report by stating the estimated project costs of \$326,000, over the five year permit term, and the next steps which will be taken to implement the PRP.

Following Ms. Knapp's report the Supervisors asked if anyone in the audience wished to present additional comments on the proposed Pollution Reduction Plan. No one came forward. The Township Manager read into the record two email correspondence which were received from Township residents. They were from Mr. Ben Dorsh, 1017 Creekvue Drive, and Ms. Cathy Marks, 1016 Creekvue Drive. Discussion ensued regarding the contents of both email messages including the photographs which the residents provided. Both correspondence will be submitted to DEP as an addendum to the PRP Plan. Ms. Knapp will contact the residents in response to their specific questions.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to accept the proposed PRP as presented and to authorize the staff to submit the PRP with the Township's MS4 NPDES Renewal Application. The motion further authorized the Chairman to sign the application. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to accept a proposal from HHSDR Architects to prepare plans and bid specifications for enclosing the high lobby roof/entrance canopy and cleaning/sealing of the municipal building's exterior steel and masonry; for the not to exceed price of \$7,800.00. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to accept a proposal from Freedom Systems Corporation to provide Cloud hosting service for the Township's financial, sewer billing and permit tracking programs. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini reported on an adaptive traffic signal system proposed by PennDOT for the William Flinn Highway from Etna to Grandview Drive. PennDOT will pay for all equipment and maintenance for five years from the date of installation. After the five year period, the equipment would become the responsibility of the municipalities.

Ms. Snyder made a motion authorizing the Township to participate provided PennDOT is able to lock in the municipality's maintenance cost for five additional years. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Mr. Kendrick asked what the life span of the controller was? Mr. Bastianini said he would find out.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Palmer requested authorization to advertise October 18th as the date for a public hearing on an ordinance adopting an Earned Income Tax Credit for volunteers of fire companies and non-profit EMS organizations. The tax credit was authorized by Pennsylvania Act 172, which took effect on January 20, 2017. The Act requires that a public hearing be advertised 30 days prior to the adoption of the tax credit ordinance.

Mr. Palmer explained that the North Hills COG's attorney had drafted a model ordinance to serve as a template. The ordinance contains definitions, criteria and procedures for the administration of the tax credit. The proposed amount of the credit would be up \$300.00 of an individual's Earned Income Tax liability.

In addition, the NHCOC Fire Chief's Association has recommended a standard criteria to determine who is eligible to be certified and receive a tax credit for volunteer service. The recommendation was accepted by the North Hills' COG Executive Committee.

Mr. Miller made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to advertise the hearing. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Snyder and Mr. Miller thanked everyone for a "job well done" on Community Day. Mr. Bastianini thanked the Supervisors for their support and commended the Township staff, Northern Regional Police, volunteer firefighters and Richland EMS for their participation. He specifically acknowledged Ms. Melissa Williams and Mr. Jerry Reichart for their organizational skills and hard work. Mr. Kendrick thanked the Steffish family for their involvement. Ms. Snyder commended Mr. Joe Pillart, Emergency Management Coordinator for his preparedness work prior to and during Community Day. This year's celebration took place without injury or incident.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Keally stated that he had served as a volunteer at the Richland VFD for the past sixty years and asked whether the provisions of Act 172 entitled volunteers such as himself, who have retired from active service, to any compensation? Mr. Kendrick responded that the Township would look into what, if anything, could be done for long time volunteers such as himself.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

