

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 20, 2017

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Raymond P. Kendrick. There were ten people in the audience. The Officials present were:

Raymond P. Kendrick, Chairman
George P. Allen, Vice Chairman
John A. Marshall, Supervisor
Barton D. Miller, Supervisor

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

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' Public Meeting of December 6, 2017. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Kendrick asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. No one came forward.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the November 2017 Financial Statement which included balance sheets and revenue/expenditure reports for all funds, as well as, a list of the following checks issued in November: General PLGIT, Fund 01: #46656 - #46710, PLGIT Mastercard, #91679 - #91691, ACH Transfer Account, #993 - #1000. Ms. Snyder 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, \$17,545.75; Sewer Fund, \$44,846.23 and Fire Protection Fund, \$82,740.00 and a supplemental list of bills in the following amounts: General PLGIT, \$15,741.78; Sewer Fund, \$2,343.78 and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, \$387.50. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

A letter announcing the award of a \$250,000 recreation grant for improvements to Richland Park. The grant must be matched by local funds and all work must be completed within three years from the execution date of the grant agreement.

Mr. Bastianini thanked Representative Hal English, State Senator Randy Vulakovich and Speaker Mike Turzai for their assistance in obtaining the grant and indicated that the staff was working with DCNR officials on a revised scope of work and project budget.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Robert and Kathleen Graham – Consideration of a final lot consolidation plan for property situate, 5302 Hardt Road, Lot & Block Nos. 1353-B-110 and 1353-B-11.

Mr. Graham presented the plan. After a brief discussion Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the final lot consolidation plan as presented. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Kevin and Candice Brown and Barbara Haas. Consideration of a final lot line revision and consolidation plan, for property situate 3881 Casa Bello Lane and 3810 Sahli Drive, Lot & Block Nos. 1831-J-174, 1830-M-320 and 1830-M-136.

Mrs. Haas and Mr. and Mrs. Brown presented the plan. Following a brief explanation Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the final lot line revision and consolidation plan as presented. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

The Supervisors acknowledged receipt of a bid tabulation sheet summarizing the seven proposals received for masonry cleaning, sealing and soffit enclosure at the Municipal Building. Mr. Allen made a motion to award the contract to the low bidder Arch Masonry and Restoration for the bid price of \$78,300. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini stated that the contract specifications contained unit prices for several work items which could either reduce or increase the cost. Any increases would have to be approved by the Township in advance.

Mr. Bastianini presented the final 2018 Budget.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance, No. 495

a) establishing the following tax levies:

General Purpose Real Estate Tax:	2.2 mills
Street Light District charge per front lineal ft.	\$0.30 dollars
Fire Hydrant District charge	0.62 mills

b) establishing budget totals for the various funds as follows:

General Fund (01)	\$6,511,800
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Street Light (02)	\$ 2,790
Fire Hydrant (03)	\$ 98,460
Municipal Impact Fee Account TSA #1 (North) (04)	\$ 235,000
Municipal Impact Fee Account TSA #2 (South) (05)	\$ 495,200
Sewer Fund (08)	\$ 2,665,200
Highway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (31)	\$ 1,267,300
General Capital Reserve Fund (33)	\$ 998,650
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund (34)	\$ 1,099,800
Highway Aid Fund (35)	\$ 484,000
Municipal Pension Fund (65)	\$ <u>128,520</u>
Total Expenditures	\$13,986,720

Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 496 establishing salaries, hourly pay rates and compensation for Township employees for calendar year 2018. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17 of 2017 revising the Official Fee Schedule. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18 of 2017 prohibiting the location of licensed Category 4 “Mini-Casinos” within Richland Township. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini informed the Board that John Schwend, Chief of the North Hampton VFD had submitted a 2017 tax certification form for Mr. Brandon Hoehn, a Richland Township resident, who fulfilled the program’s minimum service requirements by volunteering with the North Hampton VFD.

Mr. Allen made a motion approving Mr. Brandon Hoehn for inclusion in the Township's 2017 Tax Credit Program and authorized the staff to accept and process any additional certifications which are received prior to December 31, 2017. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Palmer acknowledged that since this was the first year for the Tax Credit Program it was appropriate for the Township to extend the deadline provided any additional volunteers who are eligible to receive a tax credit be approved at the Supervisors' Organizational Meeting in January. The deadline for certifications in 2018 will be November 15th.

Mr. Bastianini reported on the various appointments which will be considered at the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8 p.m. He concluded by thanking the Board for their support and guidance throughout 2017.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Palmer said he enjoyed working with the Township in his first year as Solicitor and that he look forward to 2018.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Allen thanked the Township staff for another great year.

Mr. Marshall said he had received numerous compliments from residents and non-residents regarding the Township's snow removal work last week.

Mr. Kendrick said he had also heard positive things about the condition of Richland's roads.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Robert Keally, 5527 Bauer Drive wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He said that the residents of the Township should be confident because the operation of the Township was in great hands with this Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw
Recording Secretary