

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 6, 2017

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 was called to order at 7:02 PM. by Chairman, Raymond P. Kendrick. There were three people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Raymond P. Kendrick, Chairman  
George P. Allen, Supervisor  
Barton D. Miller, Supervisor

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Kendrick opened the public hearing on the proposed 2018 Budget and turned the meeting over to the Township Manager. Mr. Bastianini explained that the purpose of the hearing was to receive citizen input on the preliminary 2018 Budget. He stated that the Budget is scheduled for adoption at the Board's December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The preliminary 2018 Budget retains a tax rate of 2.2 mills. The front foot assessment for properties located within a Street Light District is proposed to be reduced from \$.32 p/lf to \$.30 p/lf. The assessment for properties within the Fire Hydrant District is also proposed to be reduced; from 0.75 to 0.62 mills. The budget is balanced as presented.

Since no one came forward to comment Mr. Kendrick reiterated that the proposed 2018 budget contains no tax increase and then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of November 13, 2017 and Public Meeting of November 15, 2017. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. It was approved by all.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the bills payable in the following amounts: General PLGIT, \$517.15. M. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commonwealth Financing Authority and  
Department of Community and Economic Development

A grant agreement and commitment letter providing \$192,400 to plug two abandoned gas wells. The commitment letter stipulates the conditions and guidelines which apply to the grant.

Mr. Bastianini reported that Mr. Palmer had reviewed and approved the agreement as to legality.

Ms. Snyder made a motion agreeing to the conditions of the grant and authorizing the Chairman and Manager to execute the grant agreement and commitment letter with the Commonwealth Financing Authority as presented. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2017 authorizing the Township to submit an ALOM Banner Community application and establishing April 15-21, 2018 as Local Government week. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16 of 2017 ratifying the 2018 employee contribution to the Northern Regional Police Department Pension Plan. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini provided the Board with an explanation of the program eligibility criteria, application process and review procedures for certifying who is eligible for the Township's Volunteer Service Credit Program.

Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the thirty-four volunteers listed on the notarized list submitted by Richland Township Fire Chief, James Kelly and the three residents appearing on the list submitted by West Deer VFC #3 Fire Chief, Joshua Wiegand. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

The Township Manager will issue tax certificates to each of the individuals approved and will provide Keystone Collection Services with a list of eligible participants.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bastianini reported that the Township has been awarded a \$250,000 DNCR recreation grant for improvements to Richland Park. The grant funds must be matched by local funds. All projects must be completed within three years of execution of the grant agreement.

Mr. Bastianini complimented Ms. Sara Knapp and Ms. Melissa Williams for their work on the application and said we owe a debt of gratitude to our State representatives, the Honorable Hal English, Senator Randy Vulakovich and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mike Turzai, for supporting the Township's application.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Miller said he appreciated the staff's hard work in obtaining the grants.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw  
Recording Secretary