

# **RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**JANUARY 10, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian R. Frederick, Supervisor                      David Earley, Treasurer  
Renee R. Herhold, Clerk    David Knoll, Trustee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan Neuenfeldt, Trustee

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Richland Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Frederick at 7:00 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to approve the Agenda as amended, to include Item K. – Township CDARS Account. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held December 13, 2016 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** Motion by David Earley, second by David Knoll, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$767,323.68. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Knoll, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Motion by David Earley, second by David Knoll, to approve the reports as listed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment was received and answered regarding funding the downtown park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MME CONFERENCE:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Knoll, to allow Manager Reno to attend the Michigan Municipal Executives (MME) conference with the projected cost as presented. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – POLC:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Richland Township and the Police Officers Labor Council, April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020 as presented, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Manager Reno to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Knoll, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:** Motion by David Earley, second by David Knoll, as recommended by Supervisor Frederick, to appoint both Clerk Herhold and Supervisor Frederick to the Personnel Compensation Committee to review and recommend wages for township employees for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2017-01:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, by Resolution 2017-01, Richland Township elects since November 2012 to comply with the

requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the 80/20 percent option for the medical benefit plan year coverage December 1, 2016 through November 31, 2017 along with previous years, December 1, 2013 through November 31, 2016, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Frederick, yes; Knoll, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY CDARS ACCOUNT:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Knoll, to reinvest the CDARS account, principal and interest, for the Rauchholz Memorial Library for a six (6) month investment period, authorizing both Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**MERS PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDITS:** No Board action taken. No changes were made to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) service credit purchase options.

**HEMLOCK TILE DRAIN PROJECT – SIDEWALKS:** Information was provided regarding sidewalks that may be impacted with the Hemlock Tile Drain Project.

**EXTEND 2016 WINTER TAX DUE DATE:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to extend the 2016 Winter Tax due date from Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 28, 2017, payable without late penalties. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**REZONING:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, as recommended by the Planning Commission, to approve the rezoning of approximately eight (8) acres of parcel number 22-12-2-25-4001-000, 540 South Orr Road, formerly known as the Maple Hill Golf Course, from A-2 Agricultural to C-2 Commercial. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Frederick, yes; Knoll, yes; Earley, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Motion by David Earley, second by David Knoll, to appoint Larry Engel to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with Susan Neuenfeldt as alternate, to serve a three (3) year term expiring December 2019. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Reviewed and filed.

**TOWNSHIP CDARS ACCOUNT:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to reinvest the CDARS account, principal and interest, for the Township for a six (6) month investment period authorizing both Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Knoll, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by David Earley, second by David Knoll, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Renee R. Herhold      Richland Township Clerk

Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Richland Township Board of Trustees to be held, Tuesday, February 14th, 2017.