

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 12, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian R. Frederick, Supervisor David Earley, Treasurer
Renee R. Herhold, Clerk Brian Beckrow, Trustee
Susan Neuenfeldt, Trustee

Richland Township Board of Trustee met electronically as a result of the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Richland Township, Saginaw County, Michigan of such virus, pursuant to law and the mandates of Senate Bill 1108 for the State of Michigan. Manager Reno acted as facilitator, explaining the guidelines for the electronic meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Frederick called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to approve the Agenda as printed and amending the board packet to include additional expenditures for approval. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held December 8, 2020 as written. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$823,590.60. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to approve the reports as listed. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were heard and answered regarding the new four-way stop at the intersection of Frost and North Hemlock Roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to approve the amended Fire Department Administrative Policies in Section Four, policies 04.46 through 04.50 as presented. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

APPOINT FIRE CHIEF: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to fill the Fire Chief vacancy by appointing Jeremy Scott as Chief of the Richland Township Fire Department. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT: Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, as recommended by Supervisor Frederick, to appoint Matt Rick as Alternate Member to the Board of Review, a two-year term expiring December 31, 2022. Roll call

vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

SET SPECIAL MEETING: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to set a special meeting for Tuesday, January 26th, 2021, 7 P.M. in order to discuss a possible separation agreement for the retired Fire Chief and set future goals. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

PERSONNEL SALARY COMPENSATION APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, as recommended by Supervisor Frederick, to appoint both Clerk Herhold and Supervisor Frederick to the Personnel Salary Compensation Committee to review and recommend wages for township employees, for the succeeding four-year term. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUIT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, as recommended by Fire Chief Scott, confirming the appointment of Garrett Breternitz, pending background check and physical, as Firefighter to the Richland Township Fire Department. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION-CHIEF MORSE: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Proclamation, expressing appreciation and sincere gratitude to Michael R. Morse for his many years of service and dedication to Richland Township serving as Firefighter and Chief of the Richland Township Fire Department, conveying best wishes on his retirement, authorizing the Board of Trustees and Chief Scott to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-01, CONSUMERS ENERGY GAS FRANCHISE: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to adopt by Ordinance 2021-01, granting to Consumers Energy Company a 30-year authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities on, under, along, and across public places in order to conduct a local gas business in Richland Township, authorizing Clerk Herhold, to sign on behalf of Richland Township, effective May 23, 2021. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

SCHOMAKER MEMORIAL: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to allow Manager Reno to contact the Schomaker Family regarding their request to place a memorial, possibly a solar light at the downtown gazebo, in memory of Donald Schomaker. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

FIRE HELMETS PURCHASE: Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to allow the Fire Department to purchase 28 (Cairns 1044 traditional) structural helmets from MSA Safety Incorporated, cost to not exceed \$10,000. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

LIBRARY CDARS ACCOUNT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to reinvest for a one-year investment period, the Library CDARS account at Isabella Bank, principal plus interest, total of \$904,203.10, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

FIRE FUND LINE ITEMS: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, in order to comply with the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Service Fire Withholding Program, to allow Manager Reno to create the necessary revenue and cash restricted general ledger line items, as presented, for the Fire Fund. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to receive and file all communications as presented. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: On behalf of the Hemlock Lions Club, Supervisor Frederick thanked the Department of Public Works for removing the downtown Christmas lights.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk