

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian R. Frederick, Supervisor David Earley, Treasurer
Renee R. Herhold, Clerk Brian Beckrow, Trustee
Susan K. 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. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to approve the Agenda as amended, adding under New Business, Item J., Park Pole Barn Request-Hemlock Youth Little League. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held May 11, 2021 as written. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$108,679.18. Roll call vote: Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the reports as listed. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

SANDRIDGE DRIVE REQUEST: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to not add anything further at this time to assist in slowing traffic on Sandridge Drive, possibly requesting a speed study if additional complaints are filed. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

STORAGE CONTAINER ORDINANCE: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to adopt as presented, language for storage pods and containers to the Richland Township Zoning Ordinance in Section 202 – Definitions and Section 402 – Supplementary Use Regulations, effective upon publication. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPOST SITE HOURS: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to keep the compost site hours as it stands, allowing the Manager to extend the hours when necessary due to inclement and/or seasonal weather conditions. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

LIBRARY CDARS RENEWAL: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to renew Rauchholz Memorial Library funds, due August 12, 2021, in the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) at Isabella Bank for a one-year investment period, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk

Herhold to sign on behalf of the Township. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOOL CHEST: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, authorizing the purchase of a heavy duty mobile tool chest as requested and budgeted for the Fire Department, estimated cost of \$998. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

PROPERTY FORECLOSURES: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, in accordance with P.A. 123 of 1999, authorizing Manager Reno to sign the Waiver of Right of First Refusal, for properties foreclosed as of April 1st, 2021 located at 16075 Dice Road, parcel number 22-12-2-09-1006, and 215 Cedar Street, parcel number 22-12-2-28-0352-000. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

WATER SHUT-OFFS: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to reinstate the issuance of water shut-off notices for non-payment of water bills, effective immediately. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

CEMETERY FLOWERS: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to continue to purchase the flags but discontinue the purchase of flowers for the veteran's graves as recommended, while possibly cogitating other options to honor our veterans. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

WATER RELIABILITY STUDY: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the proposal by Spicer Group, Inc. for the Study and Report for the Water System Reliability Study and General Plan, expenditure of \$13,700, authorizing Manager Reno to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-06-02, SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to adopt by Resolution 2021-06-02, to extend the moratorium on the development of commercial solar energy farms for a three-month period from the previous Resolution dated February 8th, 2021, to allow the Planning Commission to put an Ordinance in place, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to receive and file communications as presented. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

PARK POLE BARN REQUEST-HEMLOCK YOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, authorizing Manager Reno to begin discussions with the Hemlock Youth Little League, Park Board, and a Township Board Representative regarding the possibility of the Hemlock Youth Little League request to construct a pole barn for indoor ball practice to be placed on Township Park property. Roll call vote Frederick,

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments and questions were raised and answered.

AJOURNMENT: Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk