

# **RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OCTOBER 12, 2021**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Beckrow, 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 David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the Agenda as printed. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from the special and regular meeting both held on September 14th, 2021 along with the special meeting held on September 21, 2021, as written. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$123,535.36. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to approve the reports as listed, A through H. Kenneth Berthiaume, Berthiaume and Company, presented the 2020-2021 Audit. Unanimous voice vote approving all reports. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments were received and answered from concerned residents who reside on Pintail Drive regarding trees being removed and possible development on the neighboring property to the north.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CAMERA SYSTEM UPDATE:** Information will be provided after an assessment of our current camera system with the County Clerk scheduled for Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, seeking possible grant monies to use toward the purchase of an updated camera system.

**SALARY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:** Informational only – the Salary Compensation Committee will meet Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to review salaries for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer, presenting their recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

**PUBLIC SAFETY STORAGE BUILDING:** Informational only - Manager Reno stated the Committee is in the process of putting together the RFP (Request For Proposal) for construction of a pole barn to be used for storage for both the police and fire departments, presenting to the Board at the November meeting.

**ARPA WORK SESSION:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to hold a work session prior to the regular November Board of Trustee meeting on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. to discuss impending federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS -**

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**TRASH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to assess \$165.00 per residential household for weekly trash collection service and bi-weekly recycling in 2022 on the 2021 winter tax roll. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**SALARY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE RESIGNATION:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to accept the resignation of Patrick Dorr from the Salary Compensation Committee, effective October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, thanking Pat for his years of service on the Committee. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**SALARY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to appoint Martin Neuenfeldt to fill the vacancy on the Salary Compensation Committee, term expiring in January 2025. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**PARK BOARD RESIGNATION:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to accept the resignation of Matthew Lockwood from the Park Board, thanking Matt for his years of service on the Board. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to allow Manager Reno to advertise the vacancy on the Richland Township Park Board due to the resignation of Matthew Lockwood. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**PARK MILLAGE/IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to place the park millage renewal on the August Primary Election ballot seeking 1 mill for a period of ten years, December 2022 through December 2032, for the purpose of maintenance and operating costs for the Richland Township Park. Discussion held.

Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to amend the motion on the floor. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, as requested by the Park Board, to place a park millage renewal proposal on the August Primary Election ballot seeking 1 mill for a period of ten years, December 2022 through December 2032, for the purpose of maintenance and operating costs for the Richland Township Park; also, placing a park improvement millage proposal on the August Primary Election ballot seeking 0.25 mill for a period of ten years, December 2022 through December 2032, for the purpose of maintaining, purchasing equipment and property, improving parks and recreational programs, sites, and facilities within the Township. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to receive and file communications. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

The Board of Trustees consents to the proposed location in the park, between ball diamonds one and two, for construction of a 50' x 100' building, to be funded by the Hemlock Youth Little League.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments/questions were received and answered regarding the solar farm and wind farm ordinances, unlicensed vehicle ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Renee R. Herhold      Richland Township Clerk