

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WORK SESSION

DECEMBER 14, 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 work session of the Richland Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Frederick at 6:00 P.M. to discuss federal government funds from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to approve the Agenda as printed. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS –

ARPA FUNDING ACCOUNT: Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to sign the necessary documents to open a DDA-MMDA account at Isabella Bank to deposit ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds; also, authorizing Manager Reno to create line item(s) within the general fund in order to track revenues and expenditures. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Herhold, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS –

ARPA FUNDS: Manager Reno stated \$205,516.50 was received from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). The Township is expected to receive a total of \$411,033. Submissions from each department were discussed for the ARPA funding.

*administration office: remodel and generator, estimated cost \$75,000

*library: hands-free drinking fountain, keyless entry, and upgrade protective sneeze guard service desk area, estimated cost for all - \$11,400

*police: F150 first responder truck, total cost \$43,965, equipped

*fire: rescue squad, total cost \$45,969, equipped

*park: Blumke Drive improvements, approximate cost from County \$33,000; north bathroom upgrades, estimated cost \$25,000; adding two cameras, estimated cost \$1,000; estimated cost for all \$59,000

* department of public works – generator for main well house, \$30,000; two small generators, \$24,000; total estimated cost \$54,000 (request remaining funds for water tower repairs and sewer force main

*employee hazard pay, April 2020-April 2021, estimated \$28,345

Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, authorizing payment of the proposed employee premium-hazard pay, adjusting the Office Administrator and part time receptionist pay as discussed, total expenditure of \$28,705.00. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Herhold, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

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Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to move forward with purchasing the F-150 squad unit for the fire department, total cost of \$45,969; also, the F-150 first responder truck for the police department, total cost of \$43,954.00, as presented. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Beckrow, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to adjourn the work session. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk