

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 9, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian R. Frederick, Supervisor David Earley, Trustee
Dan Preuss, Treasurer Joel Wardin, Clerk
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.

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

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held July 12, 2016 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to pay the bills as listed, including payments to Saginaw County Treasurer and Hemlock Public Schools, for a total of \$238,174.95. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the reports as listed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS -

SITE PLAN – LIBRARY: Daniel Durkee, Engineer with Fishbek, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc., presented and answered questions regarding the site plan for the proposed library. Consensus of the Board is to remove the existing storage building with placement of the building as discussed in proposed "Plan C".

NEW BUSINESS -

POLICE OFFICER: The Board welcomed Whitney Meissner as full time Police Officer to the Richland Township Police Department.

2016-2017 INSURANCE RENEWAL: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to renew liability and property insurance with the Michigan Township Participating Plan through the John Gandolfi Agency, total premium of \$34,694.00 August 1st, 2016 through August 1st, 2017, authorizing Manager Reno to sign on behalf of Richland Township, directing the Manager to pursue the best rates possible on an annual basis. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

PART TIME CLERK/RECEPTIONIST POSITION: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Joel Wardin, authorizing Manager Reno to hire a part time clerk/receptionist to fill the vacancy with the hourly wage to be determined based on applicants' experience, \$9.00 to \$10.50 per hour, along with placing an ad in the local paper if necessary. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSION SIDEWALK GUIDELINE: To provide consistency across the County, Saginaw County Road Commission provided a draft for non-motorized pathways and sidewalks within the right-of-way for the Board to review.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER CONTRACT: The Wage Committee will negotiate a new contract for Manager Reno, presenting it to the Board at the September meeting for approval.

FACEBOOK: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, directing the Manager to maintain the township Facebook site, monitoring it on a daily basis. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Walter Rohn from the Richland Township Planning Commission, effective August 3, 2016, and thanking Wally for his many years of service on the Commission. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were received and answered regarding the proposed and current library usage, services for the elderly, storm sewer project, along with youth activities and community growth.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Joel Wardin Richland Twp. Clerk