

# **RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 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 7:24 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to approve the Agenda as amended. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held August 9, 2016 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$336,799.20 which includes summer tax payments to Saginaw County. Roll call vote Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to approve the reports as listed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Andre Borrello introduced himself as Candidate for Circuit Court Judge. Comments were received and answered.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER CONTRACT:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by David Earley, to approve the Township Manager Contract as presented, a two-year contract with an increase in pay from \$57,000 to \$59,000, adjusting the earned vacation time, with Board evaluation on an annual basis. Roll call vote Preuss, no; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Wardin, yes. (3) yeas, (1) nay, (1) absent. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS -**

**FARMLAND P.A. 116 RELEASE:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, by Resolution, to release .798 acres from the Farmland Preservation Public Act 116 Agreement, parcel number 22-12-2-27-2003-000, as requested by Barb Dorr, 856 North Hemlock Road, authorizing Clerk Wardin to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to place the delinquent sewer account, as presented, on the 2016 winter tax roll for collection, total amount of \$208.17. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**DOWNTOWN PARK IMPROVEMENTS:** Discussion held regarding improvements to the downtown walk-up park. Board consensus is to look into the feasibility of turning the property over to the Richland Township Park.

**PAY RATE – PART TIME POLICE OFFICER:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, as recommended by the Wage Committee, to set the pay rate for Part Time Police Officer Pitt at \$16.00 per hour. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies as presented, in order to construct and operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities and activities, on, over, and under the State Highway right of way within the Township, authorizing Clerk Wardin to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION-PATRICIA MURPHY:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to approve the Proclamation for Richland Township resident, Patricia Murphy, commemorating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, authorizing the Board of Trustees to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by David Earley, to appoint Robert Weiskirch to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission due to the resignation of Walter Rohn, term expiring December 2018. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**WATER EXTENSION REQUEST:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to approve the request made by The Wooten Family, 13205 Gratiot Road, parcel number 22-12-2-25-4206-000, to extend and hook-up to the Thomas Township water system. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**EMERGENCY REPORTING AGREEMENT:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to enter into the Emergency Reporting Agreement with Saginaw County 9-1-1 Communications Center Authority, allowing the Richland Township Fire Department to utilize Emergency Reporting software and its connection to the CAD system, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Fire Chief Morse to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Received.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to go into closed session to consult with the Township's Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township. Roll call vote Preuss, yes; Wardin, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent. Motion carried. 8:02 P.M.

**RECONVENE:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin to return to open session. Roll call vote Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Wardin, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent. Motion carried. 9:02 P.M.

Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to proceed as recommended by the Township Attorney. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes. (4) yeas, (1) absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Joel Wardin                      Richland Twp. Clerk