

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 11, 2016

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

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

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from the public hearing and special meeting, along with the regular meeting and closed session all held on September 13, 2016 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$1,106,367.42. Roll call vote Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Remarks were heard opposing the smart meters, encouraging the Board to pass the prepared Resolution which allows residents to elect to opt out. Saginaw County Commissioner Jim Theisen was asked to look into proposed improvements to the Jo Intercounty Drain, a drainage project which could have a big cost impact to Richland Township residents.

OLD BUSINESS: *None.*

NEW BUSINESS -

TRASH RATES-2016 WINTER TAX ROLL: Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to assess \$130.75 per residential household for 2017 trash collection service on the 2016 winter tax roll. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MI-MABAS AGEEMENT: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to enter into Agreement with Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS), with amendments as presented, authorizing Supervisor Frederick to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, authorizing the Manager to move forward as the project lead to facilitate a Capital Improvement Plan. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

BID PROPOSALS-CONFERENCE ROOM: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to award the project to Hemlock Hometown Builders LLC, to modify the interior doors to the large conference room, as bid, Option 1 for \$6,436.00, authorizing the Manager to make adjustments to the budget as allowed. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

PAGER AGREEMENT: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to enter into Agreement with Saginaw County Central Dispatch for the purchase of 26 - 800 MHz Unication G4 Voice Pagers, utilizing financing as stated in the Agreement, authorizing both Manager Reno and Chief Morse to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION-AMERICA RECYCLES DAY: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Proclamation, recognizing November 15, 2016 as America Recycles Day, encouraging residents to participate in recycling and to purchase recycled goods, authorizing Supervisor Frederick to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-10: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Resolution 2016-10, to support the ability of Richland Township residents and property owners to elect to opt-out of receiving Advanced Utility Meters (Smart Meters), authorizing Clerk Wardin to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Joel Wardin, due to the November 8th General Election, to reschedule the November Board of Trustee meeting to Wednesday, November 9th, 7 p.m. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Joel Wardin, to enter into closed session to consult with the Township's Attorney regarding pending litigation in the Case of Gary Wade vs Richland Township which if discussed in open session would adversely impact the litigation or settlement position of the Township. Roll call vote Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried. 7:37 P.M.

RECONVENE: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to return to open session. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried. 8:33 P.M.


Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Joel Wardin, regarding the lawsuit filed by Gary Wade against Richland Township, to table further settlement discussions until the Township Attorney gets more information regarding the terms of any proposed settlement. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Board was thanked for approving the Resolution allowing residents to elect to opt out of receiving smart meters.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Joe Wardin
Richland Township Deputy Clerk