

# **RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MARCH 8, 2016**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Richland Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Frederick at 7:00 P.M. with a Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Supervisor Frederick opened the Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed 2016-2017 Budget. Notice of the Hearing was posted and advertised as required. No comments were received.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to adjourn the Public Hearing. Unanimous vote. Public Hearing adjourned – 7:02 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Supervisor Frederick.

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

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Dan Preuss, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held February 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 \$1,047,197.77. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**POLICE OFFICER:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to confirm and hire Chris Goldman to fill the position of full time Police Officer, starting March 22<sup>nd</sup> with pay and benefits as outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Richland Township and the Police Officers Labor Council. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS -**

**FIRE PROTECTION-FREMONT TOWNSHIP:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Fremont Township as presented, with the proposed increase of \$1,500.00 for a total fee of \$40,000.00, effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, authorizing Supervisor Frederick, Clerk Wardin, and Fire Chief Morse to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**FIRE PROTECTION-INGERSOLL TOWNSHIP:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Ingersoll Township as presented, with the proposed increase of \$150.00 setting the initial fee at \$2000.00 with the run fees remaining the same, effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, authorizing

Supervisor Frederick, Clerk Wardin, and Fire Chief Morse to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Joel Wardin, authorizing Manager Reno to make final budget adjustments in order to close the books for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 02-2016, SCHEDULE OF FEES:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Resolution 02-2016 to approve the Fee Schedule as presented, increasing the water usage fee from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per thousand gallons, effective with the new budgetary fiscal year, April 1, 2016, authorizing Clerk Wardin to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**2016-2017 ROAD PROJECTS:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the amount as budgeted for road projects for fiscal year 2016-2017 (50% county road allocated money/50% township funded), proposed projects include brining all gravel roads, two applications; one and a half load of hot patch; gravel Dice Road, Fehn to Fordney; gravel Orr Road, Dice to Tittabawassee (pending Thomas Township approval); chip/seal two miles. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 03-2016, ADOPT 2016-2017 BUDGET:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Resolution 03-2016, to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget as presented, total revenues/expenditures of \$4,364,814, authorizing Clerk Wardin to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Wardin, yes; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**SET MEETING DATE/TIMES:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, the Board of Trustee meetings be held the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 P.M. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**CELL TOWER LEASE:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to table pending further information. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**CONTRACT FOR ASSESSING SERVICES:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Joel Wardin, to approve the Contract for Assessing services with Frank Roenicke, a part time contractual employee, \$18,240.00 per year, expiring March 31, 2018, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Wardin to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:** Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, as recommended by the Planning Commission, to amend the Richland Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 604, Signs Allowed with a Permit. Roll call vote Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes; Earley, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Wardin, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – CONFERENCE:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to allow four Fire Department personnel to attend the out of state "Fire Department Instructors Conference" (FDIC International), total cost of \$640.00. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to receive and file all communications. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A representative with Consumers Energy provided information on upgraded meters to be installed in Saginaw County starting in June/July of 2016. Comments/questions were received and answered.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Dan Preuss, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Joel Wardin                      Richland Township Clerk