

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 12, 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Neuenfeldt, Trustee

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Richland Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Clerk Wardin at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Dan Preuss, second by David Earley, to appoint Clerk Joel Wardin as temporary Chair due to the absence of Supervisor Frederick. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by David Earley, second by Dan Preuss, to approve the Agenda as amended, to include Item I. – Part Time Clerical Position. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by David Earley, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held December 8, 2015 and the Special Meeting held December 21, 2015 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by David Earley, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$689,161.72. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Preuss, yes; Wardin, yes. (3) Yeas, (2) Absent, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MLGMA MEMBERSHIP: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by David Earley, to authorize Manager Reno to enter into a one year membership with the Michigan Local Government Management Association, fee of \$55.00. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MLGMA WINTER INSTITUTE: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by David Earley, to not allow the Manager to attend the winter conference, revisiting summer conference attendance for Manager Reno at the Michigan Local Government Management Association. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MEETING CHAIR: Due to the arrival of Supervisor Frederick, motion by Dan Preuss, second by David Earley, to allow Supervisor Frederick to chair the meeting. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. 7:15 P.M.

POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by David Earley, to accept the two year contract as presented for Jack Doyle as Richland Township Police Chief, starting salary of \$49,900.00, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Wardin to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Wardin, no; Preuss, yes; Frederick, yes. (3) yeas, (1) nay, (1) absent. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by David Earley, authorizing the Manager to advertise for staffing for the Police Department, seeking two part time positions, and to re-evaluate staffing possibly for a full time position in the future. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

GASB 68: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to approve a one-time fee request by Berthiaume & Company, not to exceed \$1250.00, to implement the GASB (Governmental Accounting and Standards Board) Number 68, accounting and financial reporting for pensions. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

EXTEND 2015 WINTER TAX DUE DATE: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to extend the 2015 Winter Tax due date from Tuesday, February 16th to Monday, February 29, 2016, payable without late penalties. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PUMP REPAIRS: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to approve repair of two sewage pumps, both located at the main pump station on Gratiot, total labor and materials cost of \$13,555.00 per pump as quoted by Kennedy Industries. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by David Earley, to receive and file communications as presented. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PART TIME CLERICAL POSITION: Motion by Joel Wardin, second by Dan Preuss, to direct the Manager to advertise for a part time clerical position, with a pay range of \$9 to \$10.50 per hour. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments and questions were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dan Preuss, second by Joel Wardin, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Joel Wardin Richland Township Clerk