

MINUTES
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 24, 2021

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Richland Township municipal building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown PA 15904.

All COVID 19 restrictions for social distancing and masks were followed.

PRESENT

Robert Heffelfinger, Chairman	Gary L Costlow, Solicitor
Keith W Saylor	Kimberly Stayrook, Secretary
Gary Paul	
Brian H Lehman	
Jeffrey D Wingard	

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Heffelfinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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- It was moved by Mr. Wingard to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021 as distributed seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA

Mr. Lehman asked that review of the Zoning/Subdivision Ordinances be added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS - The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item. No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from PA Liquor Control Board Re; License Transfer to Johnstown Beer and Eats LLC (former Country Garden 6Pak)

A notice was received from the PA Liquor Control Board providing notice that the former Country Garden 6Pak on Elton Road is transferring their liquor license to Johnstown Beer and Eats, LLC. The business establishment has been sold.

Letter from Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals Re; April decisions (Michael Ondesko, Leffler Drive – no change)

A letter was received from the Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals, stating that the appeal of Michael Ondesko was held and there is no change to their assessment at their property on Leffler Drive.

OLD BUSINESS

OOTB Johnstown, LLC (Bon Ton/Galleria) – Authorization To Settle Tax Assessment Appeal Case

Attorney Costlow provided a review of the Court hearings held on the case whereby OOTB Johnstown had requested a reduction in the assessment of their property filed in 2020. An appraisal had been completed on the property. The combined assessed value on the property went from \$792,500 to \$470,000 effective January 1, 2021. After all testimony was given, the court has asked that the taxing bodies (County/School/Township) to agree to the settlement that was reached.

- Mr. Wingard moved to approve the settlement reached by the court in the OOTB Johnstown Tax Assessment Appeal, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills totaling \$118,441.61, seconded by Mr. Lehman. There were no out of meeting checks and No Other Fund checks presented.

EHRC – Request For \$10,000 Sponsorship for RCD (8/21/21)

This item was tabled for further review. Mr. Beppler is to obtain additional information on this proposed event and report to the Board.

Richland School District Graduation – Fireworks Display Application 6/4/21

An application for Fireworks Display was received from the Richland School District for their Graduation to be held on June 4, 2021. They have submitted the required insurance certificate, hold harmless agreement and fireworks information. Attorney Costlow reviewed and approved the information provided.

- It was moved by Mr. Paul to approve the Richland School District Fireworks Permit for June 4, 2021, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances – Updated Review

Mr. Lehman stating that the current Z/O and Subdivision Ordinance has not been reviewed for necessary updates for years. There have been minor amendments over time, but to bring the ordinances up to current standards, he is asking the Board to approve the project whereby the Planning Commission members and Zoning Hearing Board members provide their comments and suggestions to the Board for updating. He noted that there are always numerous Zoning Hearing appeals and perhaps an update would curtail the need for this. In addition, it was noted that Ms. Shomo and Ms. Stayrook may also have noted inconsistencies with the ordinances over the years that

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could be addressed. The ultimate final draft and approvals would fall in the hands of the Board of Supervisors.

All Board members agreed with this request. They asked that Mr. Beppler contact the Chairman of each Board to begin the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Faas, The EADS Group gave an update on the Nees Avenue/Falls Run stormwater pipe replacement project. The gas company is in the process of replacing their lines first, and the water lines. Everything has been going well.

Mrs. Strushensky, Mya Drive had a question regarding the OOTB Johnstown Tax Assessment Appeals case.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D Stayrook, Secretary
Richland Township