

MINUTES
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 12, 2021

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 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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Mr. Lehman asked that the minutes of March 29th be corrected under Old Business, on the motion made it should be written that the Board accepted the official Job Description for the position of Executive Director.

- It was moved by Mr. Lehman to approve the minutes of March 29, 2021 as distributed and corrected, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS - The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mekis Construction Corporation – Bridge Preservation Work on SR219

Notice was received from Mekis Construction Corporation, indicating that they are the contractor for the bridge preservation work on Rt 219 at McNally Bridge. There will be traffic delays and closing beginning on April 5th.

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Letter from Eric D. Hochfeld – Acceptance of Zoning Hearing Solicitor Appointment

A letter was received from Attorney Hochfeld, accepting the appointment as Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board. His fee will be \$150.00 per hour, the same as his partner, Attorney Sahlaney.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$223,889.26, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor. There were not any out of meeting checks, nor other funds.

Cambria County Assessment & Appeals; April 30, 2021 Michael & Jacqueline Ondesko

Notice was received from the Cambria County Assessment & Appeals Office, that a hearing has been scheduled for April 30th for Michael & Jacqueline Ondesko for their property on Leffler Drive. They are protesting their tax assessment for their property.

Cambria County Tax Claim Bureau/Properties (2) of Elwood Lape (Walsall Rd) - Bid Offer

Notice was received from the Cambria County Tax Claim Bureau, indicating that a proposed sale of Realty owned by the Tax Claim Bureau will be sold May 25th. The two properties are owned by Elwood L. Lape and an offer of \$200.00 per parcel must be received for the properties to be sold. When sold, the delinquent taxes will be exonerated.

Public Comment

Mr. Marsden, Packer Street was present to speak to the Board regarding the length of his roadway (dead end portion). He indicated he has requested the distance of his street accepted by PennDOT and not received anything. It was noted that he did receive the information he requested, more than once. Mr. Marsden wants to know when his portion of the street was accepted. He referred to a black book that has information in. Ms. Stayrook noted that Telford Locher's black book has right of way widths and street addresses as a guide. The book is not for official acceptances and distances. Mr. Barker, Executive Director told Mr. Marsden that any information he has requested, has been given to him numerous times. Mr. Marsden stated he now is asking for the PennDOT acceptance of the roadway, which should give a distance.

Mr. Marsden spoke to the Board about water issues on Luther Road, Packer Street, etc. He noted he has spoken to PA DEP about the township putting water onto his property. Mr. Barker stated that the township has responded to PADEP several times, in writing, stating the township is not responsible for catch basins on Luther Road and not putting water onto his property.

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A resident was present from Oakridge Drive. He expressed concerns with the owner of the property with the Global trucks. He stated that they had set fire to at least 12 pallets and had a huge bonfire going. The Board noted that when this occurs, he is to call the Police Department. The resident noted that the property has not been cleaned up and ordinances should be enforced. This issue has been given to the Zoning and Codes Department and will be investigated again.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Stayrook
Richland Township