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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 19, 2021

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, July 19, 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 (if not vaccinated) were followed.

PRESENT

Robert Heffelfinger , Chairman	Bryan Beppler, Executive Director
Gary A. Paul	Kimberly Stayrook, Secretary
Brian H. Lehman	Gary L. Costlow, Solicitor

ABSENT

Keith W. Saylor
Jeffrey D. Wingard – Via Telephone Conference Call

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. Wingard moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2021, as distributed, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor. Motion Carried

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA

Chairman Heffelfinger added a Request from RVFC, Andrea Cveykus for a Fireworks Donation (\$5,000)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS - The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from The Tribune Democrat NIE Department – Request for Sponsorship

A letter was received from the Newspaper In Education, Tribune Democrat thanking the Board for sponsoring this program in the past and asking that the Township sponsor the 2021 NIE program.

- It was moved by Mr. Paul to approve the \$180.00 NIE Tribune for Richland School District classrooms, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Letter(copy) from HS&WA to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority – Semi Annual Progress Report

OLD BUSINESS

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Humane Society – Fundraiser Date Change to August 7th

Notice was received from the Humane Society, indicating that they have moved their Block PAWty to August 7, 2021,

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- It was moved by Mr. Lehman to pay the general fund bills totaling \$223,329.53, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.
- Mr. Lehman moved to approve the out of meeting checks in the amount of \$621,620.37, specifically for 1st Summit Bank for an investment and Keeley's Landscaping for a down payment, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

Kimberly D. Stayrook – Promotion to Administrative Assistant (Vacant Mgt. Position) 8/1/2021

- Mr. Paul moved to promote Kimberly D. Stayrook to the vacant management position, Administrative Assistant, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

American Red Cross – 15th Annual Vampire 5K Run/Walk

The American Red Cross on Jari Drive is requesting permission to conduct the 15th Annual Vampire 5K run/walk on public streets within the township. They plan to hold the event on October 16th beginning at 9:15 a.m. A Certificate of Insurance, and Hold Harmless has been submitted, and they have notified the police department as well.

- Mr. Paul moved to approve the American Red Cross 5K walk/run on October 16th, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Cambria County and Cambria County Prothonotary - Release from Any Claim Caused By Class Action Lawsuit Filed by Chester Upland School District Against PA Counties and Local Prothonotaries

Attorney Costlow explained that there is a Class Action Lawsuit by Chester Upland School District against PA Counties and Prothonotaries for the fees they have been charging. Cambria County is being proactive and asking all municipalities to sign a release and they will refund any overages. Richland Township is owed \$1.00.

- Mr. Lehman moved to sign the Release with the Cambria County Prothonotary's Office and accept the refund, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

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Nancy C. Diaz Minor Adjoining Land Merger – 301 Fye Street

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed an Adjoining Land Merger for Nancy C. Diaz located at 301 Fye Street. The proposed plan calls for the merger of two adjacent lots under the same ownership (Parcel One and Parcel Two) into one 0.373-acre lot. The proposed plan will also eliminate inaccuracies of the existing legal descriptions. The lots are zoned R2 (two family residential), and front Fye Street.

- Mr. Paul made a motion to approve the Nancy C. Diaz Adjoining Land Merger located at 301 Fye street, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

RVFC – Fireworks Sponsorship for August 21st Event

Andi Cveykus spoke to the Board regarding a proposed Fireworks Display to be held during the Fire Dept event on August 21, 2021. She stated that the fireworks benefit all the township residents and surrounding community and asked that the township fund the \$5,000. The display would be half and hour. The total cost is \$8,000 and 814 Lanes and Games are funding a portion.

- Mr. Lehman moved to approve the \$5,000 fireworks display to help subsidize the fire department, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Faas, The Eads Group gave an update on the Nees Avenue/Falls Run Storm Sewer Project. The project is close to completion and the roadway should be open soon. There was a discussion regarding the piping, the rip rap, debris etc.

Also, Mr. Faas noted that Straw Construction did more finish work on Parker Road and the resident seem satisfied. The sink hole should be patched soon.,

Mr. Bill Lehmann from the Fire Department gave a report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Stayrook, Executive Secretary
Richland Township