

MINUTES
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 15, 2021

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, March 15, 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

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| 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.

MINUTES 3/1/2021

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

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA

There were no changes.

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 EADS Group – Revised 2021 Fee Schedule for Sewage Enforcement Services

A letter was received from The EADS Group, enclosing a revised 2021 fee schedule for Sewage Enforcement Services.

Letter from The EADS Group – Windber Area Authority Ingleside STP -Channel Monster Elimination Act 14 Notification

A letter was received from The EADS Group, stating that on behalf of WAA, they are applying to the PA DEP for a Water Quality Management Permit Modification for the elimination of a comminator unit (Channel Monster) at the Ingleside Sewage Treatment Plant. This notification follows ACT 14 guidelines.

Letter (copy) from HS&WA to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority – Annual Wasteload Management Report for 2020

A copy of a letter from HS&WA to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority was received, submitting the City's Annual Wasteload Management Report for 2020. Included within the report were residential, commercial, and industrial taps added to the system. Highland is requesting 10 EDU's from DEP to the Johnstown Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Letter from Justin Santichen, 209 Bloomfield Street – Request for Improvement of Safety on Bloomfield and Canfield Streets

A letter was read from Justin Santichen, 209 Bloomfield Street requesting speed limit signage, and children at play signs on their street. He is concerned with motorists speeding and reckless driving.

The Board referred this letter to Chief Burgan for review and findings to be brought to the Board for further action.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid Opening – Nees Avenue Stormwater Project

Ben Faas from The Eads Group had advertised for bids for the Nees Avenue culver Replacement Project. A grant has been awarded from the State for this project. The Results of bid opening are as follows:

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| CH&D Enterprises, Inc. | \$247,298.80 |
| Charles J. Merlo, Inc. | \$388,996.00 |
| Curry & Kepple, Inc. | \$269,104.02 |
| Erickson Equipment | \$334,000 |
| Greenland Construction, Inc. | \$291,000 |
| Kukurin Contracting, Inc. | \$319,913 |
| Ligonier Construction, Inc. | \$476,701 |
| Snyder Environmental Services Inc. | \$377,021 |
| Straw Construction Co., Inc. | \$496,060.11 |
| W.A. Petrakis Contracting, LLC | \$440,091 |

It was noted by Mr. Saylor that all the bids contained 10% bid bonds.

- Mr. Saylor moved to award the bid to the lowest bid, C.H.&D. Enterprise, New Stanton PA, contingent upon Mr. Faas and Mr. Barker's review of the entire bid packet and if not ok, to award to the next lowest responsible bidder, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$193,952.68, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor. There were not out of meeting checks.
- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the Capital Equipment Fund Check to Government Leasing \$30,124.69 for the Fire Truck Lease Payment; Federal Forfeiture Fund to Hawk Analytic \$995.00 for maintenance for police software; and Richland Fire Escrow made payable to John Alt and Sally Hinton in the amount of 45,080.00, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Thomas and Stacy Dabbs Minor Subdivision and Adjoining Land Merger (Thistle Lane/Meadowcrest)

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed the proposed minor subdivision and adjoining land merger plan for Thomas and Stacy Dabbs and Richard/Douglas Weakland at 124 Thistle Lane (Meadowcrest Estates). The plan calls for a subdivision of 15,000 square feet off a main tract, which is to be merged with an adjacent lot that has a residence located on it, resulting in a 30,000 square foot total lot area. The lots are zoned R-3.

- Mr. Wingard moved to approve the minor subdivision, adjoining land merger located at 124 Thistle Lane, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor.

Richland School District Subdivision and Adjoining Land Merger (PennHighlands)

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed a proposed subdivision plan and an adjoining land merger submitted by the Richland School District for their property along One Academic Avenue/Highfield Street. The plan calls for the reconfiguration of lot lines between two adjoining parcels (both owned by Richland School District), resulting in a 16.926-acre lot containing the Penn Highlands Community College (Lot 1) and a 41.173-acre lot containing the Richland High School campus (Lot 2). The lots are zoned R-1.

- It was moved by Mr. Lehman to approve the Richland School District Adjoining Land Merger and Minor Subdivision, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor.

Cambria County – Request to Support Emergency Radio System

A request was received from Cambria County EMA Deputy Director indicating that they are in the process of requesting a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant from the State and they are asking that all of the municipalities contact Governor Wolf in support of this request. The County is in the process of updating their emergency radio system, and to bring it up to standards and meet future needs, the cost is over 220 million dollars.

- Mr. Wingard moved to send a letter of support to Wolf on the County's Emergency Management RACP grant, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

Public Comment

Jackie Alt, 3330 Bedford Street was present to speak to the Board about her concerns with her neighbor digging a ditch in her front yard, among other items she stated. Mr. Barker stated that the ditch was placed on the unopened 15' alley between their property and the properties along Bedford St. Mrs. Alt's residence is in the rear of these homes. Mr. Barker explained that the proposed alley is on a plan of lots but was never accepted by the township. It has been more than 21 years, therefore the township's right to open the alley have expired. The adjoining property owners along the alley and on the plan of lots have rights to the alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, Bedford Street were present to speak to the Board. Mrs. Livingston expressed concerns with a ditch that they dug on the 7 ½ feet on their side of the alley, to prevent water from Alt's swimming pool from running onto their property and damaging their home. Mrs. Alt has since filled the ditch in with dog feces, tree trimmings etc.

Attorney Costlow and Mr. Heffelfinger stated to both parties, that this is a private, civil matter and the township cannot comment, nor get in the middle of the issue. They were told that they would have to file complaints at the magistrate's office if they have legal concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Stayrook
Richland Township