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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 8, 2021

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, November 8, 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	Gary L. Costlow, Solicitor
Keith W. Saylor	Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director
Gary Paul	Kimberly Stayrook, Adm. Asst.
Brian H. Lehman	
Jeffrey D. Wingard via phone 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 October 25, 2021, as distributed, seconded by Mr. Paul. 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 Harris Funeral Home – Notification of Application to PA DEP Air Quality Program for Approval to Reactivate an Air Contamination Source(s) and renew Operating Permit

A letter was received from Harris Funeral Home, stating that they have applied to the PADEP Air Quality Program for approval to reactivate an Air Contamination Service Source(s) and renew an operating permit. They propose to operate two gas fired crematories (human & animal/pet) on funeral home property.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$158,094.97, seconded by Mr. Lehman. Voice Vote – All in favor.

Out of Meeting Checks

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the out of meeting general fund bills in the amount of \$4,152.86 (H&WA \$131.94; J Herdman \$4,020.92), seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

A.F.S.C.M.E. Union Contract Approval - 2022-2026

- Mr. Lehman moved to approve the AFSCME Union Contract for the years 2022-2026, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Terra Works – Excess Maintenance Agreement

It was noted that Terra Works is the contractor doing work for H&WA in the Highland Meadows development. They contacted Highland Park Board of Directors and asked for permission to utilize a parking area at the park for their job site during the winter months. As part of the project, they will be driving trucks that are heavy on township roadways. Therefore, they were required to submit the paperwork for an Excess Maintenance Agreement. The paperwork includes proper insurance and bonding.

- Mr. Lehman moved, subject to all of the blanks being filled in on the contract, to approve the Excess Maintenance Agreement with Terra Works, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor.

Public Comment

Wes Meyers, representing the Fire Dept noted that he had forwarded his monthly report via email.

Multiple residents were present from Highland Meadows Development, asking to speak to the Board regarding ongoing water problems. Residents noted that the developer put piping through the property owners' yards, and they have been faulty for several years. The development consists of Leffler, Jacqueline and Berkey Drives. Mr. Saylor gave an update on Highland's project, utilizing the contractor Terra Works and how they will be mostly slip lining in the area. He stated that he was told that Highland had tried to camera the lines, but visibility was poor at best. Highland will be replacing all the piping, including manholes, which they hope to be done with by March/April 2022.

A discussion was held with residents regarding the water that currently runs onto the roadways in the development and create icy conditions. In addition, it was noted that Recovery Act Money was received, and meetings are being held to discuss projects that can be done with those funds.

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Mr. Fallon, Ms. Marcus, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Stupi all spoke, explaining water issues in their areas that they would like the township to help correct. Mr. Gregg specifically asked if the roadcrew could fix the area around catch basins on his street that have eroded and are not directing water appropriately.

The Board indicated that they are aware of the concerns discussed tonight, and they will be having future meetings on the Recovery Money and projects will be prioritized.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Stayrook, Adm. Asst.
Richland Township