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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 14, 2022

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, 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
Keith W. Saylor
Brian H. Lehman
Jeffrey D. Wingard
Gary A. Paul

Bryan Beppler, Executive Director
Kimberly Stayrook, Secretary
Forrest Fordham, Solicitor

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 February 28, 2022, as distributed, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor. Motion Carried

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA

Mr. Heffelfinger asked that the following items be added to the agenda: Letter of Support, UPJ Project REACHland.

- It was moved by Mr. Wingard to approve adding the letter from UPJ, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter Musser Engineering – Todd Berkebile Non-Coal Site Permit Application

A letter was received from Musser Engineering, providing notice of Berkebile Excavating Co., Inc. applying for a Zepka Small Non-Coal Site permit from the PA DEP.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter from University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown – Request For Support Of Project REACHland

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UPJ is requesting a letter of support for their proposed Project REACHland, whereby they plan to install sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, etc. along a portion of Schoolhouse Road and Theatre Drive. UPJ indicated they will be responsible for all maintenance, insurance, etc.

- Mr. Wingard moved to authorize sending a letter of support for the UPJ Project REACHland, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$177,447.93, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the Capital Equipment Fund check in the amount of \$2,540.10 reimbursing general fund for a highlift payment, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the ARPA Fund check to The EADS Group in the amount of \$3,437.50 for engineering services, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Berwind Proposed 4 Lot Minor Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger – Carolyn Street

Berwind Corporation is proposing to subdivide four lots (Lots 1-4) on Carolyn Street (paper). Each lot will then be merged with existing adjacent lots of four separate owners. The lots are zoned C-2 General Commercial. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval.

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the proposed Berwind Corporation Carolyn Street 4 lot minor subdivision/adjoining lander mergers, indicating the lots must be recorded at the County within 90 days, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Berwind Parkwood Estates 4 Lot Minor Subdivision – Hoffman Farm Road

Berwind proposes to create four new residential building lots along Hoffman Farm Road from an existing larger parcel. The plan indicates Lot 1 to be made of 0.639 acres, Lot 2 of 0.689 acres, Lot 3 of 0.689 acres and Lot 4 of 0.689 acres, with remaining residual acreage. The lots are zoned R-3. The Richland Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the minor 4 lot subdivision.

- Mr. Lehman moved to approve the Berwind Parkwood Estates 4 lot minor subdivision, with the subdivision to be recorded at the Cambria County Courthouse within 90 days, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

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Bezyk Proposed 2 Lot Minor Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger (Eisenhower Blvd)

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Bezyk Subdivision and Adjoining Land Merger located off Eisenhower Blvd. The proposed plan calls for the subdivision of 1.736 acres (Parcel 1A), leaving a 7.723 acre residual. Parcel 1A will be merged with an existing adjacent lot (Parcel 1), resulting in a 3.416 total acre lot. The lots are zoned R-2. Upon completion of their review, the Planning Commission recommended approval.

- Mr. Wingard moved to approve the Bezyk Proposed 2 lot minor subdivision and adjoining land merger, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

William Smith Proposed 2 Lot Minor Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger – Sunapee Drive

The proposed plan calls for the subdivision of 0.2704 acres (from Lot 11), leaving a 0.569 acre residual (Lot 12) with residence. The remaining acreage from Lot 12 and Lot 11 will be merged, resulting in a 4.389 acre lot. The parcels are located along Sunapee Dr and are zoned R-1. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

- Mr. Paul moved to approve the Smith Proposed 2 lot minor subdivision and adjoining land merger located along Sunapee Drive, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Chief Michael Burgan – Recommendation for Promotion Of Scott Conahan To Sgt. III

A letter was received from Police Chief Michael Burgan, recommending Scott Conahan be promoted to a Sergeant III. He has served with the department for 11 years, is a member of the Cambria County DUI Task Force, as well as the Aggressive Driving initiative. In addition, he has been serving as acting Watch Commander.

- Mr. Lehman moved to approve promoting Scott Conahan to Sergeant III within the Richland Police Department, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

A brief presentation was given by Chief Burgan, with Mrs. Conahan pinning the Sergeant Badge on Mr. Conahan's uniform.

Public Comment

Ray Haupt, Berwind Corporation was present. He asked Attorney Fordham to review the vacating of Carolyn Street. Mr. Fordham will get back to Mr. Haupt on his question.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Stayrook
Administrative Assistant