

**MINUTES**  
**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**May 9, 2022**

*The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, May 9, 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*

*Gary A. Paul*

*Jeffrey D. Wingard*

*Brian H. Lehman*

*Bryan Beppler, Executive Director via phone conference*

*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 April 21, 2022, 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***

*None.*

***MS 4 PRESENTATION – Bryant Greene, H.F.Lenz***

*Bryan Green, from H.F. Lenz gave a MS4 presentation on Richland Township's MS4 program. He indicated it is being done as required by DEP and EPA for stormwater quality. Basically, it involves the NPDES permitting. He discussed 100-year storms, vs 2-year storm events. Mr. Green spoke about public outreach and how the residents can assist with clean water, ie. washing vehicles, etc. He stressed that eventually, all stormwater or other sources such as garden hoses, which cause run off eventually flows to other rivers and streams and eventually to the Ohio River. In addition, he discussed a pollution reduction plan. Pollutants are to be avoided as much as possible, otherwise it will kill the fish in the streams. Mr. Green stated that Richland Township has 126 outfalls that must be maintained. It is imperative that homeowners do not dump chemicals, oils, fuel etc. into the drains or out in grassy areas. He also noted even fertilizing yards should be done at specific times so that rainwater does not carry it away and cause pollution. Mr. Green explained rain barrels and gravel pits that may be*

*considered by residents to help avoid water pollution. In closing he stated that MS4's for the township is regulated and there is a role everyone has as a participant in the mix.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### ***Letter from Joseph Green/John Carroll – Request to be on Agenda RE: Quaker Sales Variance***

*A letter was received from Joseph Green and John Carroll requesting to address the Board on the Quaker Sales Zoning Hearing Variance.*

*Attorney Fordham addressed the residents, providing a background on the request of Quaker Sales for a height variance, as well as a use variance for a parcel of land located on First Street, Mine 37. He indicated that the decision to approve or deny the request is not the Board of Supervisors. The decision solely rests with the members of the Zoning Hearing Board. They are separate entity, and they have their own attorney, Attorney Hockfeld. There is a continuance scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> which open to the public to obtain evidence for the Zoning Hearing Board members to decide.*

*Mr. Green spoke to the Board on the residents of Hunters Ridge concerns. He is making sure that township government does its due diligence. He indicated that he and area residents are within two miles of the proposed site, and with prevailing winds, believes they will be affected by odors. Mr. Green discussed VOC's, the VE Erickson Ballfield off Eisenhower Blvd., traffic on Eisenhower Boulevard and Mine 37 Road (which are both state highways), in addition to traffic congestion at Eisenhower and Scalp Avenue. He is asking that PennDOT insist on a traffic study of the area. He stated that noise pollution is a concern from the plant and the trucks. Mr. Green stated that although there are tax revenues to be received, there is a flipside as he believes it will devalue their property values.*

*Mr. Beppler indicated that PennDot will be requiring a study of the areas mentioned, although no time frame has been given by them.*

*Mr. John Carroll spoke to the Board and stated traffic congestion and provided his own observations at different times of the day at Mine 37 Road and Eisenhower, as well as Scalp Avenue and Eisenhower Blvd. Mr. Carroll noted that traffic signal and its current timing which he observed and poses a concern.*

*The Board thanked Mr. Green and Mr. Carroll for coming and asked that they attend the Zoning Hearing Board meetings.*

### ***Letter from Humane Society of Cambria Cty – Request to close Galleria Dr Ext for Block Pawty Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. (Entry to Clean Water Carwash/Home Depot to Cul-De-Sac)***

*A letter was received from the Humane Society requesting to close Galleria Drive Extension for a block pawty on June 11<sup>th</sup> form 5 to 8 pm. They provided a Hold Harmless Agreement, as well as a Certificate of Insurance. They will be obtaining a license from PLCB for alcohol. Attorney Fordham asked that the Liability Certificate also provide an Endorsement Rider naming the township as additional insured.*

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- Mr. Wingard moved to approve closing a portion of Galleria Drive Extension as request, if they submit the endorsement rider requested, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor. Motion carried.

***Letter from Cambria County Commissioners – County Liquid Fuel Allocation***

A letter was read from the Cambria County Commissioners stating that the County Aid that they provide is not to be encumbered for more than 2 years. Ms. Stayrook noted that the Township has never encumbered the money, it is spent yearly on paving projects. The ability to do so was always there, and there was never a time limit on the number of years to encumber, which meant the County was “holding” the county aid for years at a time before disbursed.

***Letter from PA Liquor Control Board – Sonita Properties, LLC 455 Theatre Drive***

A letter was received from the PA Liquor Control Board, stating that Sonita Properties has applied for a new liquor license. It was noted that this is the Comfort Inn Suites on Theatre Drive.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Payment of the Bills***

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills totaling \$291,906.47, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Saylor noted that \$136,000 of the total is for the Richland Fire Dept. and 3 checks totaling \$18,000 are for pipe and consulting services for Highland Meadows.

***Alyssa Rouser – Planning Commission Position***

An application for Appointment was received for the vacancy on the Richland Township Planning Commission. Alyssa Rouser, a resident of the Township has applied for and asked to be appointed to the position. The position is for a 4-year term.

- Mr. Lehman moved to appoint Alyssa Rouser to the vacancy on the RTPC, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor. Motion carried.

***2022 County Aid Grant Application***

- Mr. Paul moved to apply to Cambria County for County Aid for paving and milling of various streets throughout the township, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Mr. Marsden, Packer Street expressed concerns about paving.

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*Public Comment*

*Ryan Krinjeck, 138 Theatre Drive spoke to the Board regarding the berm in front of his property. The berm is all stones and he would like to pave his driveway and the water washes out the stone berm. There are no storm sewers on his street. Mr. Beppler will investigate the problem.*

*Bob Brumbaugh, Terlyn Drive was present and stated his concerns with the Asphalt Plant and appreciates anyway the Board can help.*

*Mr. Heffelfinger noted that proper procedures were followed for the appeal before the Zoning Hearing Board. Notices were sent to the residents as directed within the zoning ordinances.*

*Beverly Chapman, a resident of Mine 37 expressed concerns about traffic on First Street.*

*Dr. Andrew Garbarino spoke to the Board regarding traffic on Eisenhower Boulevard and the dangerous area near his business.*

*Attorney Fordham stated again, that if a traffic study is required by PennDOT it will be done through the Zoning Hearing Board.*

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kimberly D. Steynor*

*Administrative Assistant*