

MINUTES
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 19, 2022

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2022, at the Richland Township Municipal Building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Bob Heffelfinger, Chairman
Gary A. Paul
Keith W. Saylor
Brian H. Lehman

Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director
Kimberly D. Stayrook, Adm. Asst.
Forrest Fordham, Solicitor

ABSENT

Jeffrey D. Wingard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Heffelfinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES – December 5, 2022

- *Mr. Paul moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2022 as distributed, seconded by Mr. Saylor. Motion carried.*

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Humane Society of Cambria County Animal Control Services Agreement – 2023

A discussion was held by the Board regarding the increase in fees for services that are proposed by the Humane Society. It was noted that the increase was written into the contract renewal without notification, discussion, or justification for the significant increase. The fee increased from \$5,000 per year to \$9,700 per year. A report was provided that indicated in 2020 35 animals were picked up, 2021 20 animals, and 2022 24 animals. There other animal control services in the area, although the Board was not in favor of pursuing other services. It was the notable significant increase in fees that was disturbing.

- *Mr. Saylor moved to approve renewing the contract with the Humane Society for Animal Control for 2023, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.*

*Adoption of 2023 Richland Township Proposed Budgets –
General Fund; Capital Equipment; Contingency Fund; and State Liquid Fuels Fund*

Mr. Heffelfinger read the Budget Summary, indicating the respective proposed budgets as follows:

General Fund

Revenue	\$6,998,417.50
Expenditure	<u>\$6,940,661.27</u>
Balance	\$ 57,756.23

Capital Equipment Fund

Revenue	\$ 408,781.27
Expenditure	<u>\$ 125,578.96</u>
Balance	\$ 283,202.31

Contingency Fund

*Revenue	\$ 650,000
Expenditure	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
Balance	\$ 50,300

Investment * \$1,122,226.24 1st Summit Public Funds Account
\$ 278,000 1st Summit Public Funds Account

State Liquid Fuels Fund

Revenue	\$ 556,906.62
Expenditure	<u>\$ 425,000.00</u>
Balance	131,906.62

The general fund millage is 9.5 (the same as previous years with no increase proposed).

- Mr. Paul moved to approve the budgets as presented, 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 \$29,121.06, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Mr. Saylor noted that there is an insurance premium renewal for 2023 included in tonight's figures.

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the Out of Meeting Check to Laurel Auto in the amount of \$33,855.00 for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer, as well as a check from the 1st Summit Bank account made payable to Laurel Ford for a F250 truck in the amount of \$39,180.00, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Request to Advertise for Used Utility Bucket Truck Bids

Mr. Beppler stated that the current Bucket Truck cannot be certified. He would request that the advertisement be for a 2014 or newer, with less than 200,000 miles, a 40' aerial 400 lb. capacity with 4-wheel drive.

- Mr. Paul made a motion to authorize advertising for the purchase of one Used Utility Bucket Truck with Boom, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor.

Dylan Dininny Promotion from Laborer to Operator II Effective 12/13/2022

Mr. Beppler stated that Mr. Dininny has successfully completed his probationary period.

- Mr. Lehman made a motion to promote Dylan Dininny to Operator II effective 12/13/22, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

Public Comment

Mrs. Strushensky, Mya Drive commented on the contract with the Humane Society. The Board assured her that the concern was with the way the contract renewal was handled and that the Board wholeheartedly supports the Humane Society and its efforts to take care of animals.

There being further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Stayrook, Administrative Assistant