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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 18, 2023

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2023, 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
Jeffrey D. Wingard
Brian H. Lehman

Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director
Kimberly D. Stayrook, Administrative Assistant
Forrest Fordham, Solicitor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 the December 4, 2023 meeting as distributed, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA –

- Mr. Lehman moved to add a letter from Forrest Fordham regarding his resignation to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS - *The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item. There were no comments.*

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of 2024 Budgets

Presentation of 2024 Budgets

Mr. Heffelfinger read the following Proposed 2024 Budgets that are being presented tonight:

GENERAL FUND

Revenue -	\$8,301,610.00
Expenditure -	<u>\$8,252,605.60</u>
Balance	\$ 49,004.40

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

Revenue	\$417,426.46
Expenditure	<u>\$130,498.76</u>
Balance	\$286,927.70

CONTINGENCY FUND

Revenue	\$ 144,271.73
Expenditure	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance	\$ 144,271.73

Investments :

1st Summit Public Funds Account #1 \$1,203,962.40

1st Summit Public Funds Account #2

Revenue	\$ 62,235.97	
Expenditures	<u>\$ 62,235.97</u>	(Luray Ave Park Grant \$50,000/municipal bldg. \$12,235.97)
Balance	\$ 0	

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

Revenue	\$ 592,499.42
Expenditure	<u>\$ 440,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 152,499.42

There is no tax increase proposed and millage is as noted:

**Millage – 9 mills General Fund
.5 mills Capital Equipment Fund**

- Mr. Lehman moved to approve the 2024 Budgets as presented, with the restated synopsis, 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 \$189,335.32, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Out of Meeting Checks

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the Out of Meeting Checks in the amount of \$8,198.52, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

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Mr. Saylor noted that there are multiple checks that make up the \$8,198.52 out of meeting checks. Ms. Stayrook stated that the checks are from the December 4th meeting, which did not print at that time, so the programmer was able to capture them and print them for them to be paid on time.

Resignation of Forrest Fordham, Solicitor

Chair Heffelfinger read a letter from Forrest Fordham, resigning as Township Solicitor effective December 31, 2023. Attorney Fordham submitted his letter of resignation with regret, and stated he has enjoyed working with and for the township. However, as everyone is aware, he is moving on and will become a Cambria County judge January 2, 2024.

Everyone wished "Judge" Fordham good luck, and stated he would be missed and that he had done a stand-up job while he was township solicitor. His tenure with the township was short, but everyone is happy he is going to be our Judge.

Attorney Fordham thanked those that were present and stated that he will miss everyone!

Appointment of New Township Solicitor, Effective 1/1/2024 – George Gvozdich, Jr.

Chair Heffelfinger gave a brief history on George Gvozdich, Jr. , the attorney the Board has chosen to be Township Solicitor.

- Mr. Wingard moved to appoint George Gvozdich, Jr. Solicitor effective January 1, 2024, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the audience also chimed in and stated they will miss him as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly D. Stayrook
Administrative Assistant*