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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 22, 2024

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2024 at the Richland Township Municipal Building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Bob Heffelfinger, Chair

Gary A. Paul

Keith W. Saylor

Brian H. Lehman

Jeffrey D. Wingard

Kimberly D. Stayrook, Administrative Assistant

George Gvozdich, Jr., Esquire - Absent

Christopher Gvozdich, Esquire

ABSENT

Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair 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 April 8, 2024 meeting 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. There were no comments.*

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals – MPT of Johnstown-LIMA, LLC Decision

A letter was received from the Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals regarding the decision for MPT of Johnstown LIMA, LLC. The assessment has been decreased from \$10,020,000 to \$6,814,500 (\$3,205,500 total decrease).

Mr. Lehman asked if the township would have to pay money back to the property owner due to this decrease. We do not have a copy of the court order so it is unknown at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid Opening – 2024 Paving Project

An advertisement was placed in the Tribune Democrat on two days, requesting bids for 2024 paving of township streets. All bids included a 10% bid bond. The bids were as follows:

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	Total Bid Price
HRI, Inc.	\$381,905.60
Quaker Sales Corp.	\$404,272.75
Grannas Bros.	\$399,884.60

- Mr. Saylor moved to award the bid to HRI, Inc. for their low bid price of \$381,905.60, conditional upon review by Mr. Beppler verifying it is in compliance with the complete bid specifications, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Request from Fire Department for consideration of 2011 Sutphen 100' Ladder Truck

Mr. Lehman stated that this request has been discussed previously and there are still some unknown factors such as recertification of the aerial, etc.

- Mr. Lehman moved to table the Fire Department 2011 Sutphen 100' Ladder Truck until the next meeting, to obtain costs with maintaining equipment, etc., seconded by Mr. Saylor. Voice Vote – Mr. Heffelfinger and Mr. Wingard abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$121,966.35, and payroll in the amount of \$93,697.93, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Cambria County Application For County Aid Request

- Mr. Paul moved to request \$26,400 in County Aid monies from the Cambria County Commissioners for paving of various streets throughout the township, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Mark A. Weaver Adjoining Two Lot Land Merger (317 Chrysler Avenue)

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed the Mark A. Weaver proposed adjoining land merger at 317 Chrysler Avenue. The proposed plan calls for the merger of two adjacent lots (Parcel 1 and Parcel 2), resulting in one 14,999.6258 square foot lot. The lots are both owned by Mark Weaver. The lots are zoned R-2 and located on the corner of Chrysler Ave and Rachel Street.

- Mr. Wingard moved to approve the Mark A. Weaver Two Lot Adjoining Land Merger (317 Chrysler Avenue), seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

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Resignation Of Richland Township Police Officer Jeffrey Meden

Chair Heffelfinger read the resignation letter of Police Officer Jeffrey Meden. Mr. Meden's resignation is effective April 10, 2024. He thanked the department and stated he was focusing on his family and stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be a School Resource Officer as well.

- Mr. Wingard moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Meden, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

Public Comment

Mr. Wes Meyer (RVFC) asked for the opportunity to meet with the Board regarding the request to purchase a ladder truck. There are different ideas and information he wishes to share with the Board.

Mr. Jim Lehman stated his opinion on purchasing a fire truck. Depending on the situation it could save a life.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Staybrook
Administrative Assistant