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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 28, 2025

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, July 28, 2025 at the Richland Township Municipal Building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Bob Heffelfinger, Chair
Gary A. Paul
Jeffrey D. Wingard
Brian H. Lehman

Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director
Kimberly D. Stayrook, Administrative Assistant
George Gvozdoch, Jr., Solicitor

ABSENT

Keith W. Saylor

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 June 30, 2025 as distributed, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals – Hoss's Tax Assessment Appeal
Reduction from 427,220 to 187,050

A letter was received from the Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals, notifying the Board Hoss's tax assessment appeal has been settled, and the assessment has been reduced from 427,220 to 187,050. A refund of 2025 taxes will be required.

Letter from Cambria County Tax Claim Bureau – Annual Upset Tax Sale On September 8, 2025

A letter was received from the Cambria County Tax Claim Bureau stating the annual upset tax sale is scheduled for September 8, 2025. A list of those properties in Richland Township on the list was provided.

Letter from Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals – Residential Appeals Scheduled For Kenneth Scott & Melanie Williams (2) Properties To Be Held on August 18, 2025

A letter was received from the Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals, stating that there are residential appeals scheduled for Kenneth Scott and Melanie Williams for 2 properties they own. The hearings are scheduled for August 18, 2025.

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Letter from REA Energy Cooperative – Pole Inspections by American Energy Services Beginning Late July - October, 2025

A letter was received from REA Energy Cooperative indicating that American Energy Services has begun pole inspections. Pole inspections will run from late July through October, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- It was moved by Mr. Lehman to approve the general bills in the amount of \$388,658.57, and payroll in the amount of \$93,062.52, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

- It was moved by Mr. Lehman to approve the Capital Equipment Fund check made payable to Hoss's Restaurant for \$235.37 and LVF Property Development in the amount of \$34.60, both checks representing the lower assessment of their real estate taxes for 2025, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Hiring Full Time Public Works Laborer – Tyler Sivi effective August 11, 2025

- Mr. Wingard moved to hire Tyler Sivi, effective August 11, 2025, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

Martin-Baker Fireworks Display Permit – August 16, 2025 At The Willow

A brief discussion was held regarding the proximity of the Cambria County Airport and The Willow, where the fireworks are going to take place. Attorney Gvozdoch had raised concerns and asked Ms. Shomo speak to the Airport Authority to determine if they had regulations prohibiting the event. As of this evening's meeting, the Airport Authority said they would not have a response until possibly Friday.

- Mr. Lehman moved to authorize conditional approval contingent upon the Airport and or the FAA approving this Fireworks Display, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

Public Comment

Ben Mulvehill, Parker Road was present to speak to the Board regarding stormwater flooding the rear of his property from an unopened alley and a dead-end street. He has spoken and met with Mr. Beppler was advised that this is a private issue and the township cannot go onto private property to assist him. Mr. Mulvehill brought a video of the water running down the hill in the rear of

his property and was hoping the Board would be able to do something to help his situation. There was a discussion held with the Board on the properties to the rear of Mr. Mulvehill, and suggestions for him to try to help with his stormwater problem. There are woods surrounding this area and having him contact property owners for permission for Mr. Mulvehill to disperse water onto the undeveloped ground was discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly D. Staybrook
Administrative Assistant