

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian R. Frederick, Supervisor David Earley, Treasurer
Susan K. Neuenfeldt, Trustee Renee R. Herhold, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Knoll, Trustee

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Richland Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Frederick at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to approve the Agenda as printed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from both the regular and closed session meetings held May 14, 2019 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$151,090.80. Roll call vote: Herhold, yes; Frederick, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes. (4) yeas, (0) nays, (1) absent. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to approve the reports as listed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were raised and answered regarding the drain project - the quality of top soil used to landscape, Wilson Street drainage issues, completion date (October 1st), curbing on Sandridge/Hemlock, lack of water advisory notice; also, information provided to consider allowing marijuana micro farms in the township.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIBRARY CDARS ACCOUNT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to invest library funds received from the Friends of the Rauchholz Memorial Library into a Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) at Isabella Bank for a one-year investment period, to be restricted for the library building fund, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of the Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

POLICE PROTECTION CONTRACT: Manager Reno stated that along with Chief Doyle discussions are being held with Jonesfield Township and the Village of Merrill to possibly contract police protection services. Information was provided for a five-year contract. No Board action required at this time.

RECYCLE SURVEY: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, authorizing the Township Manager to circulate, with resources as discussed, a survey seeking resident's feedback on recycling due to the imminent disposal rate increase for residential recycling in January 2020. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to accept David Knoll's resignation from the Planning Commission;

appointing Susan Neuenfeldt, as recommended by Supervisor Frederick, to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

METRO ACT RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT EXTENSION: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, authorizing Manager Reno, on behalf of Richland Township, to sign the Metro Act Right Of Way Permit Extension Agreement, extending the existing Metro Act Permit with Michigan Bell Telephone d/b/a AT&T Michigan, term ending August 31, 2024. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FIELDSTONE DRAIN: Additional information will be sought regarding a drain tile located in the backyard of homes on Fieldstone Drive.

PROPERTY FORECLOSURE: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, in accordance with P.A. 123 of 1999, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign the Waiver of Right of First Refusal, to acquire property foreclosed as of April 1st, 2019 located at 16350 Doyle Road, parcel number 22-12-2-28-4005-000. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PAR PLAN BALLOT: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to nominate Joanne Boehler to serve on the Michigan Township Participating Plan, Board of Directors, Zone Six. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to receive and file communications. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments and questions were raised and answered regarding the drainage project.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to enter into Closed Session regarding Richland Plaza East, LLC. Unanimous vote. Motion carried – 8:12 P.M.


RECONVENE: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to reconvene. Unanimous vote. The Board reconvened – 10:03 P.M.

Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, based on information provided by Assessor Roenicke, to set the true cash value for the Richland Plaza East, LLC at \$690,000 for 2018 and 2019, requiring the retention pond to be habitually cleaned out, maintaining the pump in working order along with updating the façade of the building and all signage. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AJOURNMENT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 10:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk