

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan K. Neuenfeldt, Trustee

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Richland Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Frederick at 7:04 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by David Earley, second by Brian Beckrow, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to approve and file Minutes from the regular and special meeting held October 12, 2021, along with the special meeting held October 26, 2021 as written. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by David Earley, second by Brian Beckrow, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$109,431.19. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Brian Beckrow, to approve the reports as listed. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments/questions were heard and answered regarding the website and park board vacancy.

OLD BUSINESS -

PUBLIC SAFETY BARN: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, approving and authorizing Manager Reno to move forward with the RFP (request for proposal) seeking bids for construction of a 30'x64'x12' pole barn to be used by both the police and fire departments along with the RFP (request for proposal) seeking electrical bids for the pole barn, bid(s) closing date of December 1st at 2 P.M. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Renee Herhold, to appoint Vincent Boysen to fill the vacancy on the Richland Township Park Board, term expiring in November 2024. with Clerk Herhold to administer the Oath of Office. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS -

VIDEO CONFERENCING A/V: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, as requested by Fire Chief Scott, to purchase two Meeting Owl Pro 360-degree camera and audio-conferencing solution units to be used for meetings and recording of trainings, estimated cost of \$2,000. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (4) Yeas, (1) Absent, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-11-01, 80/20 HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, by Resolution 2021-11-01, Richland Township elects since November 2012 to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the 80/20 percent option for the medical benefit plan year coverage December 1, 2021 through November 31, 2022, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to renew the current Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan for qualified employees and retired employees, effective December 1, 2021. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

WIND TURBINE ORDINANCE: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by David Earley, requesting the Planning Commission to review the decommissioning language in the Wind Energy Conversion Systems, Chapter 16, Section 1601 of the Richland Township Zoning Ordinance, Amendment 2013-05, to make it consistent with the Solar Farm Ordinance. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

LIBRARY RESTRICTED BUILDING ACCOUNT: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, as requested by the Rauchholz Memorial Library Board, authorizing the Clerk and Treasurer to make withdrawals from the library fund - restricted building, reinvesting in a money market savings account, total amount of \$44,878.84 as confirmed in the recent audit. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Earley, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-11-02, PA 116: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to approve by Resolution 2021-11-02, the application submitted by Richard and Jill Wardin, placing 16.55 acres, parcel number 22-12-2-09-3002-001 into the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act 116 for a period of 20 years, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to receive and file communications as presented. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Brian Beckrow, to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:


Renee R. Herhold) Richland Township Clerk