

# **RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**APRIL 13, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian R. Frederick, Supervisor    David Earley, Treasurer  
Renee R. Herhold, Clerk                              Susan K. Neuenfeldt, Trustee  
Brian Beckrow, 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. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**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 the special work session meeting held March 9, 2021 along with the regular meeting/public hearing held March 9, 2021 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$178,583.50. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) yeas, (0) nays. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the reports as listed. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

## **OLD BUSINESS -**

**2021 ROAD PROJECTS:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to place natural gravel: Dice Road, Preuss to Orr; Pangborn Road, Raucholz to Schultz; Lunney Road, Fordney to the West; Diener Road, Tittabawassee to Dice; O'Hara Road, Orr to the West as recommended by the County Road Commission; chip/seal Dice Road, Hemlock to Iva; Fehn Road, Tittabawassee to Dice; Orr Road, Gratiot to Ederer; South Brennan Road, Doyle to Ederer along with requesting shoulders be cut back; seeking estimates to skip patch Iva Road, total projects cost of \$95,049. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, authorizing Manager Reno to offer a one-year contract as Building Official to Scott Crofoot, \$6,000 annually with a \$5 monthly cell phone reimbursement. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS -**

**RESOLUTION 2021-03-15, PA 116:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Resolution 2021-03-15, to approve the P.A. 116 Farmland Agreement submitted for Albert F. and Ferol C. McNett Trust, 18.38 acres, parcel number 22-12-2-03-3002-001, for 15 years, pending no objections from the County Planning and Conservation District, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote for Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2021-04-06, PA 116:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, by Resolution 2021-04-06, to approve the P.A. 116 Farmland Agreement submitted for Kari Kenny with Jake Real Estate Ventures, LLC, 51.82 acres, parcel number 22-12-2-04-1004-000, for 90 years, pending no objections from the County Planning and Conservation District, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to increase the stipend pay for the following: Fire Captain from \$75 to \$120/month; Fire Lieutenant from \$75 to \$100/month; Fire Safety Officer from \$75 to \$80/month; Firefighter /Officer run pay \$12 for the first hour, calls exceeding one hour paid \$6 for each half hour increment; Probationary Fire run pay \$10 for the first hour, calls exceeding one hour paid \$5 for each half hour increment. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION - SHIELDS:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Proclamation, recognizing in memory, John Shields, extending a token of gratitude for his service, dedication, and contributions on the Park Board, Board of Trustees and to the Community of Hemlock, authorizing all Board of Trustee Members to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT KNOX BOX:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, as requested by the Fire Chief, authorizing the purchase of two box devices with brackets from Knox Box, total cost of \$1,866. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTRICAL UPGRADE:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, allowing Phil's Electric to install and replace electrical outlets and lighting at the Fire Department as proposed, total cost of \$3,530. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY AGREEMENT:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to table the proposed Agreement for further review which provides fiscal services for the Rauchholz Memorial Library. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to receive and file communications. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to renew the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement for 10 years with Charter Communications, authorizing Supervisor Frederick to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by David Earley, to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk