

# **RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

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

**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 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to approve the Agenda as printed. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held August 10, 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 \$465,982.54. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, 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 voice vote. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CAMERA SYSTEM UPDATE:** Information will be provided after an assessment with the County Clerk's Office for possible grant monies to use toward purchase of an updated camera system.

**LIBRARY FISCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to approve the five year Fiscal Agency Agreement between Rauchholz Memorial Library and Richland Township as presented, authorizing Manager Reno 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.

**PUBLIC SAFETY STORAGE BUILDING:** Information was provided regarding the proposed storage building for the police and fire department. Upon receiving an updated drawing and material list for the 30' x 64' x 12' steel built barn, a request for proposal will be sent out for sealed bids on cost to construct.

## **NEW BUSINESS -**

**DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER:** Manager Reno stated there are no delinquent water and sewer accounts to be placed on the 2021 winter tax roll for collection.

**POLICE CONTRACT UPDATE:** October 1st, 2021 commences the third year of the five-year contract providing police protection for the Village of Merrill and Jonesfield Township.

**RESOLUTION 2021-09-01 MDOT PERFORMANCE:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Brian Beckrow, to adopt by Resolution 2021-09-01, the annual permit and application Performance Resolution required by the Michigan Department of Transportation allowing the Manager, Supervisor, Clerk, and Department of Public Works Supervisor to apply for permits for Use of State Highway Right of Way and for miscellaneous operations within State Highway Right of Way, authorizing Manager Reno to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY CDARS RENEWAL:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Brian Beckrow, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to renew Rauchholz Memorial Library funds, due September 16, 2021, in the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) at Isabella Bank for a one-year investment period, authorizing Treasurer Earley and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of the Township. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**MUNETRIX TRANSPARENCY LICENSE:** Information was provided regarding the software services that can be provided from Munetrix.

Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Renee Herhold, to move forward with providing a link on the township website to “The My Community Dashboard” through the State of Michigan, at no charge, which will provide township budget information. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BADGES:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, as budgeted, to purchase fire department badges from Douglass Safety Systems, low bid of \$2,765. Roll call vote Beckrow yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**SALARY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:** Informational only. The Salary Compensation Committee will be meeting to determine salaries for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer.

**RECREATIONAL CANNABIS:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to deny the request from Elevated Lighting Company, continuing to opt out of recreational cannabis as previously backed by the voters of Richland Township. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Beckrow, yes. (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent. Motion carried.

**ARPA WORK SESSION:** Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to hold a work session prior to the regular October Board of Trustee meeting on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 P.M. to discuss funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Brian Beckrow, to receive and file all communications as presented. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 P.M. to review the proposed Solar Ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Renee Herhold, second by David Earley, to adjourn.  
Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Renee R. Herhold      Richland Twp. Clerk