

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian R. Frederick, Supervisor David Earley, Treasurer
Renee R. Herhold, Clerk Brian Beckrow, Trustee
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 Susan Neuenfeldt, second Brian Beckrow, to approve the Agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A comment was heard and answered regarding the notice mailed to residents in the water district in January.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held January 11, 2022 with one correction - under Park Appointment, striking the words "term expiring November 20, 2024"; also, approve and file Minutes from January 26, 2022 as written. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by David Earley, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$1,135,082.55. Roll call vote Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

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

ZONING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARK MILLAGE/IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, after review by the Attorney, to place the revised park millage renewal proposal on the August Primary Election ballot seeking 1 mill for a period of ten years, December 2022 through December 2031, for the purpose of maintenance and operating costs for the Richland Township Park; also, placing a revised park improvement millage proposal on the August Primary Election ballot seeking 0.25 mill for a period of ten years, December 2022 through December 2031, for the purpose of maintaining, purchasing equipment and property, improving parks and recreational programs, sites, and facilities within the Township. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, as recommended by Supervisor Frederick, to appoint Terry Keyser as a member to the Richland Township Planning Commission, filling the vacancy due to the resignation of Bob Weiskirch, a three year term expiring December 2024. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Supervisor Frederick stated there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applications are available on the website and in the Administration Office for interested residents. No Board action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022-2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to set the 2022-2023 Budget Workshop for Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. with the Public Hearing and adoption of the proposed 2022-2023 Budget on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6 p.m. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, authorizing Manager Grose to make line item adjustments to the 2021-2022 budget in order to close the books for the current fiscal year ending March 2022. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-2022-04, POVERTY GUIDELINES: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, by Resolution R-2022-04 to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions as required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL211.7u), 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.

RESOLUTION R-2022-05, BOARD OF REVIEW PROTEST BY LETTER: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, by Resolution R-2022-05, to allow taxpayers to file a protest before the March 2022 Board of Review by letter without personal appearance pursuant to the General Property Tax Act (MCL211.30(7)), authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comment was heard regarding the engineering firm the township often contracts with.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk