

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second Renee Herhold, to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held January 10, 2023, along with Minutes from the special meeting held February 9, 2023, as written. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$1,434,717.35. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were heard and answered.

ZONING: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023-2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to set the 2023-2024 Budget Workshop for Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with the Public Hearing and adoption of the proposed 2023-2024 Budget held during the regular meeting on March 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-2023-02, POVERTY GUIDELINES: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, by Resolution R-2023-02 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.

FULL TIME PARK/DPW EMPLOYEE: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to hire Steve Coston as a full time Park and Department of Public Works employee, starting Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 with wages to be cost shared from the Park, Water and Sewer Funds. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT, VARIOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to approve a letter of agreement with Spicer Group for general engineering services related to the water and sewer plan reviews, authorizing Manager Grose to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT, WATER SERVICE MATERIAL VERIFICATION PROGRAM: Motion by David Earley, second by Brian Beckrow, to approve a letter of agreement with Spicer Group to conduct a water service material verification program to comply with the EPA lead and copper rule as required by Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in the amount of \$44,000, authorizing Manager Grose to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

2023-2024 ROAD PROGRAM: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the 2023-2024 road program as presented: chip/seal - Ederer Road, Hemlock to Orr (cost shared with Fremont Township); Doyle Road, Raucholz to Watson; Geddes Road, Hemlock to Iva; gravel – Dice Road, Fehn to Raucholz; Dice Road – Pruess to Orr; two loads of hot patch; brine, two times; pulverize, shape and gravel – Iva Road, Geddes to Frost; total township cost of \$144,392. Roll call vote Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes. (5) Yeas, (0) Nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were heard and answered.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk