

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 12, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Frederick called the regular meeting of the Richland Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve and file Minutes from the regular meeting held February 13, 2024 as written. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by David Earley, second by Renee Herhold, to pay the bills as listed, total of \$1,662,668.26. Roll call vote Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, 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: Questions and comments were received and answered.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ZONING: None

NEW BUSINESS -

SET MEETING DATE/TIMES: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Renee Herhold, to set the 2024-2025 fiscal year Board of Trustee meetings for the second Tuesday of the month, with all regular monthly meetings opening at 6:00 P.M. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-2024-03, RATES & CHARGES: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to adopt Resolution R-2024-03, setting the Rates and Charges as presented, effective with the new budgetary fiscal year, April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and 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.

FIRE PROTECTION-FREMONT TOWNSHIP: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Fremont Township as presented, in the amount of 1.5 mills of the total taxable value for parcels in Sections 1 through 24 that Richland Township Fire Department provides service for, effective April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, authorizing Supervisor Frederick, Clerk Herhold, and Fire Chief Scott to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES – SAGINAW FUTURE, INC.: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to enter into a one-year Agreement for Services with Saginaw Future, Inc. for a term beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,000, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – SPICER GROUP, INC.: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to enter into a Letter of Agreement with Spicer Group, Inc. to complete all construction plan review for the proposed Project Phoenix, 1881 North Orr Road, which includes geotechnical, structural, architectural, code review, electrical, mechanical, not to exceed \$200,000, authorizing Manager Grose to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – SPICER GROUP, INC.: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the Letter of Agreement for services with Spicer Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, providing construction inspections for the Project Phoenix located at 1881 North Orr Road, authorizing Manager Grose to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACT – BUILDING INSPECTOR: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to approve the two-year employee contract with Scott Crofoot for Building Inspector, April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026 as presented, in the amount of \$600 per month, along with a monthly phone fee, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACT – ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the two-year employee contract with Jay Wale for Electrical Inspector, April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026 as presented, rate of eighty percent (80%) of total permit fees, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACT – MECHANICAL/PLUMBING INSPECTOR: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve the two-year employee contract with Greg Younk for Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector, April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026 as presented, rate of eighty percent (80%) of total permit fees, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACT – ZONING ADMINISTRATION/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to approve a two-year employee contract with Scott Crofoot to serve as Township Zoning Administration and Ordinance Enforcement Officer with a term beginning April 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2026, rate of \$850 per month, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACT – ASSESSOR: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to approve a two-year employee contract with Frank Roenicke for Assessing Services, April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026 as presented, rate of \$1,675 per month, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-2024-04, AGREEMENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Motion by Renee Herhold, second by Susan Neuenfeldt, to adopt Resolution R-2024-04 regarding a Millage Revenue Sharing Capture Agreement with the Saginaw County Road Commission, authorizing Supervisor Frederick to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes; Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes. (5) Yeas; (0) Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-2024-05, RISK REDUCTION GRANT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to adopt Resolution R-2024-05, authorizing Chief Doyle to apply for a Risk Reduction Grant through the Michigan Township Participation Plan for the purpose of purchasing four (4) tasers for the Richland Township Police Department, authorizing Clerk Herhold 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.

AGREEMENT – C&J BARK HAULERS, INC.: Motion by Brian Beckrow, second by Renee Herhold, to approve the Letter of Agreement for grinding and removal of brush at the Richland Township community brush site with C&J Bark Haulers, Inc. for the amount of \$20,000, authorizing Manager Grose to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-2024-06, LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to adopt Resolution R-2024-06, supporting Citizens for Local Choice Ballot Initiative, in an effort to restore local control for wind and solar operations, authorizing Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Roll call vote Neuenfeldt, yes; Beckrow, yes; Earley, yes; Frederick, yes; Herhold, yes. (5) Yeas; (0) Nays. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Renee Herhold, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Saginaw County Road Commission, Thomas Township, Richland Township, and Corning, Inc. pertaining to road upgrades and repairs related to the Corning's Project Phoenix, authorizing Supervisor Frederick and Clerk Herhold to sign on behalf of Richland Township. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Questions and comments were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Susan Neuenfeldt, second by Brian Beckrow, to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned – 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Renee R. Herhold Richland Township Clerk