

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
February 8, 2016**

Chairman, Timothy Ritter called the Richland Township Board of Supervisors Business Meeting to order. Those present are as follows: Timothy Arnold, Supervisor; Timothy Ritter, Supervisor; Stephen Sechriest, Township Manager; and Chief Richard Ficco, Township Police Department, Linc Treadwell, Solicitor, Mike Shinton, Gilmore Assoc. Traffic Engineer. Supervisor Richard Orloff was absent.

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Mr. Arnold gave an Invocation.
- D. The Roll Call was taken.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Greenway Development- Front Gate Community: Greenway requested a continuance of the Amended Conditional Use hearing until May 9, 2016

MOTION: Tim Arnold made a motion granting a continuation for Greenway Development for their Conditional Use Hearing to amend their prior Conditional Use Approval for the proposed Front Gate Community a proposed Age Targeted Residential Development until May 9, 2016. Tim Ritter seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time in the meeting.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from the Preservation Board

Present: Joe Geib, Kathy Fedorocsko, Richard Sadler

The current 0.1% Earned Income Tax (EIT) for open space expires at the end of June 2018. The Preservation Board would like to place a referendum on the ballot of a future election to extend the current tax for an additional period of time.

Joe Geib gave a brief presentation showing how the Preservation Board used the money, and properties they have preserved. They are asking the Board of Supervisors to support a ballot seeking to keep the 0.1% EIT increase for an additional 10 years. Also have the Township Manager work with the Preservation Board to get measure on a ballot prior to the 2018 expiration of current 0.1% EIT increase.

MOTION: Mr. Ritter made a motion directing Stephen Sechriest prepare a resolution for retention of 0.1% open space fund tax referendum for Richland Township residents. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

V. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Stephen Sechriest, Township Manager, announced he had some plans that need to be signed.

Timothy Arnold, Township Supervisor, had no reports at this time.

Timothy Ritter, Township Supervisor, stated he attended a banquet of Richland Township Fire and Rescue. While he was talking about the intersection of Route 309 and Pumping Station Road the fire men received a call about an accident at that intersection. He asked the chief is there was a fatality at the accident on Saturday night at the intersection of Pumping Station Road and Route 309. The answer was no.

Tim Ritter proceeded with the discussion on the traffic signal at Route 309 and Pumping Station Road. He would like to get our traffic engineer to proceed and get a price on what it would cost us to change the signal and signage to alleviate unprotected left hand turns across high speed traffic.

MOTION: Mr. Ritter made a motion to direct Gilmore & Associates to move forward to get a soft cost number on the traffic signal and signage changes at East & West Pumping Station intersection to limit left turns to the green arrow only, with a cap for Gilmore & Associates at \$7,500. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Richard Ficco, Township Police, had no reports at this time.

Linc Treadwell, Solicitor had no report at this time.

Mike Shinton, Traffic Engineer Gilmore Assoc. had no reports at this time.

VI. DEVELOPERS' ISSUES
Not applicable for this agenda.

VII. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS (OLD AND NEW)

A. Approve Minutes from the January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting and January 4, 2016 Business Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes from the Richland Township Board of Supervisors January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting and Business Meeting as edited. Mr. Ritter seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Financial Business – Approve payment of bills summarized below:
General Fund Total: \$146,467.69
Police-Emergency Services Fund Total: \$114,900.11
Developer Escrow Fund Total: \$43,205.02
Fire Protection: \$253,245.00
Township Volunteer Boards Fund Total: \$2,406.50
Recreation Fund Total: \$17,823.68
Solar Fund: \$104.85

MOTION Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the payment of bills as summarized. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration of Prohibiting Trucks from Keystone Road and California Road, North of E. Pumping Station Road, except local deliveries.
Gilmore & Associates, Inc. completed an investigation on safety concerns regarding heavy vehicles on California Road between Richlandtown Pike and East Pumping Station Road in Richland Township.
Mike Shinton reviewed the recommendations from Gilmore & Associates about the truck traffic on California Road.

MOTION: Mr. Arnold made a motion Direct Township Manager to advertise an ordinance prohibiting truck traffic on California Road and Keystone Road except for local deliveries. Mr. Ritter seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Request for the Township to be a Sponsor and Contribute towards the Eleventh Annual Upper Bucks Forum on Aging Scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016.

MOTION: Mr. Ritter made a motion that the Township be a sponsor for the Upper Bucks Forum on Aging, and that the Township also donate \$200.00 to help offset expenses and donate a \$50.00 gift card to be used for a door prize. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time in the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Arnold made a motion to adjourn the Richland Township Board of Supervisors Business Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Ritter seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Held
Recording Secretary