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RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting January 4, 2018

The Board of Trustees met for their Regular Meeting, which was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on January 4, 2018.

Roll Call:

Janet Jankura, Trustee Chairperson
Jeff Shupe, Trustee Vice Chairperson
Robert Luther, Trustee

Ms. Jankura welcomed Richfield Village Mayor Bobbie Beshara in attendance at the meeting.

Also in Attendance:

Sgt. Kostandaras, Village of Richfield Police Department
Phil McLean, Chief, Village of Richfield Fire Department
Laurie Pinney, Fiscal Officer
Amy Page, Zoning Inspector

Ms. Jankura administered the oath of office to Mr. Shupe and Mr. Luther.

Ms. Jankura opened the floor for nominations of chairperson for the Board of Trustees. Mr. Luther nominated Ms. Jankura for chairperson and Mr. Shupe seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations for chairperson was closed.

MOTION by: Mr. Luther and seconded by Mr. Shupe to appoint Trustee Ms. Jankura as the 2018 Chairperson for the Board of Trustees.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Luther (yea), Jankura (abstain), Shupe (yea)

Ms. Jankura opened the floor for nominations of vice-chairperson for the Board of Trustees. Mr. Luther nominated Mr. Shupe for vice-chairperson and Ms. Jankura seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations for vice-chairperson was closed.

MOTION by: Mr. Luther and seconded by Ms. Jankura to appoint Trustee Mr. Shupe as the 2018 Vice-Chairperson for the Board of Trustees.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (abstain)

Approval of Minutes:

December 2, 2017 Regular Meeting

Dispensing with the reading of the minutes, Ms. Jankura requested comments from Trustees Luther and Shupe, who had no corrections or changes.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve the December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (abstain)

Department Head Reports:

Police:

Sgt. Kostandaras provided a written report from Chief Morgan. He provided numbers December calls and informed trustees on trainings, equipment and personnel matters.

Fire:

Chief McLean provided a written report and numbers for December calls for service. Chief McLean informed trustees on trainings, equipment purchases and personnel matters.

Ms. Jankura asked Chief McLean for any advice for residents during the cold weather months. Chief McLean cautioned residents to make sure any wood burning stoves are installed and vented correctly.

Zoning:

Ms. Page reported on dates for upcoming zoning meetings.

Fiscal:

Ms. Pinney presented appropriations and transfers for 2018 and recommended trustee approval.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve the Richfield Township 2018 Appropriations and Transfers as presented.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

MOTION PASSED: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (yea)

Parks and Recreation:

Mr. Luther said there has been some heavy truck traffic through Rising Valley Park for materials into the Richfield Heritage Preserve. Mr. Luther said he made them aware that the driveway for the park was not meant for this.

Roads:

Mr. Luther reported that staff had been keeping up with snow plowing and equipment repairs as needed.

Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ms. Jankura introduced the discussion of Resolution 01-2018, the Fire Levy Resolution to Proceed. The fire levy is expiring and it is in need of renewal. The fire levy renewal is being proposed as a renewal with a reduction of 1.1 mills in conjunction with an additional levy for waste hauling services.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve Resolution 01-2018 A Fire Levy Resolution to Proceed

FURTHER DISCUSSION: Ms. Jankura recognized Ms. Kelly Clark, 5229 Broadview Road, who asked questions regarding services that residents receive, EMS reimbursements, and the need for levies for safety services. Ms. Jankura outlined services that are provided to residents. Ms. Pinney provided dollar amounts for funds received by the township. Ms. Pinney also said that the current fire levy is expiring and that if the renewal levy is not placed on the ballot then no money will be received to support the fire contract other than the EMS reimbursements. Mr. Shupe spoke about township finances.

Fire Chief McLean talked about the recently negotiated fire contract. He said that he was pleased that the trustees are considering reducing the levy for residents but asked if trustees had considered leaving the levy renewal the same to support capital purchases for the fire department. Trustees did not have any further comments.

MOTION PASSED: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (yea)

Ms. Jankura introduced Resolution 02-2018 the Waste Hauling Levy Resolution of Necessity. The language required by the Summit County Fiscal Office has changed so the resolution of necessity needs to be reapproved with the additional language. Ms. Jankura read the resolution.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to Resolution 02-2018 the Waste Hauling Levy Resolution of Necessity.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: Ms. Jankura recognized Ms. Clark, who asked questions regarding cost for trash services to the township and residents and other services the township provides to residents. Ms. Pinney said that the trash contract costs the township just under \$160,000 for 2018. Mr. Shupe said that trash service is paid from the general fund. Ms. Jankura outlined services that are provided to residents.

Ms. Clark asked about options for collecting funds for trash services other than levying another tax and the cost to homeowners. Ms. Jankura thanked Ms. Clark for her comments. Ms. Jankura also said that with the decrease in the fire levy the also going to residents that there would be zero impact.

MOTION PASSED: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (yea)

Announcements: None

Citizens Forum: None

Agenda Requests and Items for Follow-Up: None

Township Corner Article: Mr. Shupe will write the article for January.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Shupe to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea)