

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Richland Borough Building. The President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

President Bricker called the Richland Borough Council Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bricker completed roll call, Present were President Kelly Bricker, President Pro Tem Larry Hartman, Councilmembers Matthew Johnson, Travis Randler, Robert Rittle, Secretary Rebecca Schnoke, and Road Laborer & Water Technician Benjamin Becker. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, Councilmember James Niethammer, and Mayor Ray Shanaman.

New Business:

President Bricker advised that per solicitor Andrew George, since workshops are advertised, Council can take action at a workshop if needed. President Bricker advised, per the previous Council meeting held on May 9, 2023, the refuse ordinance needed to be updated and adopted in order to send out requests for professional services for the refuse contract as the current contract expires 12/31/2023. President Bricker advised the new ordinance contains guidelines and fines to hold the contract holder more liable to provide better service. After final review and discussion of the ordinance a motion was made by Travis Randler, seconded by Larry Hartman, to adopt the Refuse Ordinance #392; motion unanimously carried. President Bricker advised that the request for professional services will solicit bids including and excluding yard waste for price comparison. A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by Matthew Johnson, to approve to advertise the refuse request for professional services; motion unanimously carried.

President Bricker advised that the N. Race Street Project let date has been delayed to August 2023.

President Bricker advised hydrant flushing is complete, and during hydrant flushing Dwight Belleman and Benjamin Becker rebuilt two fire hydrants.

President Bricker advised Dwight Belleman and Benjamin Becker began to post the reservoir property for no horseback riding and no unauthorized motor vehicles.

President Bricker advised five complaints have been received regarding the restoration van parked at the edge of the Borough parking lot at the railroad tracks, regarding obstruction of sight. President Bricker advised those first two parking spots will be posted NO truck or van parking to resolve the issue.

President Bricker advised the Hydrant flow test for Rigidply has been completed and they are no longer pursuing the previously proposed plan and will be amending the project.

President Bricker advised we are still working to complete the water line easement agreements for Well No. 9, we have executed one easement agreement and will be meeting with the remaining property owners tomorrow evening.

Secretary Schnoke advised that Martin Paving contacted Dwight Belleman at approximately 1:30 pm today to give notice that they will be in to tar and chip Poplar Street late tomorrow afternoon.

With the late notice, Dwight Belleman and Benjamin Becker put flyers on windshields, placed cones, Secretary Schnoke sent an alert and posted the information on the website to provide notice to residents.

President Bricker advised that the large dump truck was taken to Owl Creek for inspection and failed due to cracked leaf springs which will need to be repaired to pass inspection, the repair is expected to cost between \$3,000-\$5,000 dollars.

President Bricker advised Benjamin Becker has enrolled in the courses to obtain his CDL, which includes online courses, onsite driving hours and final testing, the cost of the program is \$3,500.

President Bricker advised correspondence between Kraft and Lebanon County Planning regarding the mulch operation and salvage yard operation is ongoing to address the multiple issues and complaints pertaining to these businesses.

President Bricker advised in light of JBT adjusting the hours of operation for the Newmanstown Branch, change in staffing and some service concerns, she requested Secretary Schnoke to reach out to Lebanon Federal Credit Union to attend the workshop to present options and products they offer. President Bricker stated that the Fire Company has had a very positive experience with Lebanon Federal Credit Union. Liz Johnson from the Myerstown Branch of the Lebanon Federal Credit Union introduced herself and the products offered by the Credit Union. Lebanon Federal Credit Union offers the accounts needed with the exception of a business credit card. One question and concern posed by Secretary Schnoke is if the Credit Union provides or can purchase the additional insurance required for government accounts with higher balances. Liz Johnson stated the Lebanon Federal Credit Union is not FDIC insured however the credit union does have their own insurance through the National Credit Union Association, for government accounts, the account details state \$250,000 coverage per official custodian type accounts, additional coverage available subject to special conditions, but as some of the accounts would be over the \$250,000 dollar threshold she would like to look into the matter more in depth to verify and clarify the concern before any decision would be made. Liz Johnson stated she will get the answer to the concerns and reach out to the Borough to discuss in greater detail, so Council can further consider the options and make the decision that is in the best interest of the Borough. Liz Johnson advised that if the Borough would decide to move forward with opening accounts at the Lebanon Federal Credit Union that she will not be a part of the account opening as she is associated with Councilmember Matthew Johnson and that all account opening would be performed by another team member to avoid any conflict of interest. President Bricker thanked Liz Johnson for taking the time to attend the workshop to present the Lebanon Federal Credit Union account information. Secretary Schnoke advised looking into PLGIT, which is a government investment program, President Bricker requested Secretary Schnoke to look into PLGIT accounts. President Bricker asked if there were any comments for the good of the Borough. With no additional matters presented a motion was made by Larry Hartman, seconded by Robert Rittle, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,  
Richland Borough Secretary