

A regular meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 7:00 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 Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to join in a moment of silence in memory of former Council President Dennis Seldomridge who recently passed away. President Bricker 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, James Niethammer, Solicitor Andrew George, Secretary Rebecca Schnoke, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, and Road Laborer/Water Technician Benjamin Becker. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker and Mayor Ray Shanaman.

The President asked for a motion to approve the previous months minutes. A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by James Niethammer, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 13, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by Larry Hartman, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee meeting held on June 21, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Larry Hartman, seconded by James Niethammer, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the workshop meeting held on June 27, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

President Bricker opened the floor for citizens' and visitors' comments. There were two (2) people present.

Michele Voydik – 29 N. Race Street – Michelle Voydik inquired whether the trash pickup day has been changed to Wednesday. President Bricker clarified that the trash pickup day remains Tuesday, and that the Borough only received notice from Eagle Disposal at lunch time that collection would not occur, and that it has been in the news that Eagle Disposal is not collecting in other areas and is facing legal issues. President Bricker stated updates regarding trash collection will be posted on the website as soon as they are received, and the current contract expires December 31, 2023.

Elizabeth Vendley – Elizabeth Vendley asked for an update regarding the Richland Christian Home's request for wheelchair advisory signs to be placed on S. Race Street. President Bricker advised the placement of the signs has been discussed with Becker Engineering; and the Borough Solicitor recommends that the signs be installed. A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Larry Hartman, to place the wheelchair advisory signs on both sides of South Race Street outside of the crosswalk area, but in the area of the home; motion unanimously carried. President Bricker requested that Elizabeth Vendley provide the contact information for the Christian Home's contact at Horst Signs. Elizabeth Vendley stated the Boroughs action is very satisfactory and she will gladly email the contact information.

The following Committee reports were presented to Council: Water Report, Highway Report, Property Report, Finance Report, Safety Report, and Personnel Report.

Water Committee –Nothing to report.

Highway Committee – Nothing to report.

Property Committee – Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee – Nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Preparing to finalize the Well No. 9 PennVest Agreement.

Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Travis Randler, to accept the Committee Reports. Motion unanimously carried.

The following reports were presented to the Council: Mayor Report, Road Supervisor Report, Office Report, Solicitor Report, Code Enforcement, and State Police Report.

Mayor Report – None submitted.

Road Supervisor's Report – No recent updates on the N. Race Street project. No questions about the report. Dwight Belleman advised that around June 26, 2023, a street light pole blew over on Elm Street, and after contacting the electric company and Verizon, the pole belongs to the Borough and needs to be replaced or removed. Solicitor Andrew George stated the action regarding the pole is at the Borough's discretion. After in-depth discussion it was decided to disconnect and remove the pole and wait to see what lighting the development will be installing. A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Larry Hartman to hold off on replacing the light pole and light until the development plans are finalized and lighting plans are known; motion unanimously carried.

Water Report – Dwight Belleman stated the previous leak on Stricklerstown Road has been addressed. President Bricker advised meetings are being arranged with Becker Engineering to discuss the Lead and Copper Rule Revision, Well No. 9, and the water tank. Dwight Belleman advised we are not out of drought conditions yet, but the spring has picked up a little.

Office Report – No questions about the report.

Solicitor's Report –No questions about the report.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – No questions about the report.

Police Report – June 2023 report submitted.

MRJA Report – Meeting was held July 10, 2023, electronic copies of the monthly reports are on file and available for viewing upon request, the next meeting will be held August 7, 2023.

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Travis Randler, to accept the Officials Reports. Motion unanimously carried.

The Financial Reports for June 2023 were submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Schnoke. A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Robert Rittle to approve the Financial Report, and have it placed on file for Audit. Motion unanimously carried.

The invoices were presented and reviewed by Councilmember James Niethammer. A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by Matthew Johnson, to pay all the invoices submitted; Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Larry Hartman, to ratify the bills paid; Motion unanimously carried.

The following communications were received:

- May 2023 Monthly Municipal Report from Eagle Disposal- 5.47 Tons.
- 4 Zoning/Building Permit Applications Received
 - Georgie Ln (Alteration)
 - Maple St (Fence)
 - E. Linden St (Concrete Retaining Wall)
 - E. Linden St (Solar Panels)
- 1 Application Denial → resubmission required
 - E. Linden St (Concrete Retaining Wall)
- 7 Zoning/Building Permits Issued
 - Georgie Ln (Concrete Pad)
 - Poplar St (Generator Installation)
 - E. Linden St (Deck)
 - Georgie Ln (Pool, Deck, Patio)
 - E. Linden St (Commercial Parking Facility)
 - Pine St (Shed)
 - E. Linden St (Concrete Retaining Wall)
- Russ Diamond → Damaged License Plate Replacement Event August 16, 2023 from 3pm-5pm
- DCED PA Broadband Development Authority Community Engagement Events → to collect feedback to shape expansion and digital equity programs.
- USPS first class postage rate increase to 0.66¢ effective July 9, 2023.
- Stanilla, Siegel & Maser LLC → 2022 Audit, Independent Auditors Report.

Old Business:

Rigidply Update – Final subdivision plan submitted, for review.

Elm Street Development Update – President Bricker advised that herself, Secretary Schnoke, Dwight Belleman, and Benjamin Becker met with Randy Hess of Hess Home Builders and Josh Weaber of Chrisland Engineering to discuss concerns regarding the proposed dedication of the developments Horseshoe Loop Road. Randy Hess asked what the concerns are, President Bricker stated the main concern is the layout and minimal parking area. Randy Hess stated he is partners with Boyd Willson and currently is undecided whether the townhomes will be fee-simple or maintained as rentals. If the 62 townhomes are maintained as rentals they will be managed and maintained by one management company, and deed restrictions could be placed on the properties if sold to designate no future rentals. After lengthy discussion regarding the dedication of the Horseshoe Loop Road, a motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Matthew Johnson

to not accept the dedication of the proposed Horseshoe Loop Road; motion unanimously carried with councilmember Robert Rittle abstaining. President Bricker stated that Randy Hess is estimating no construction before 2024.

Playground Update – Waiting for survey, once survey received a meeting will be held with Becker Engineering and YSM Landscape Architects.

N. Race Street Update – Will follow up with Becker Engineering for any new updates.

Small Dump Truck Body – Matthew Johnson advised that at the June meeting the Council approved to order the new chassis, it has been ordered, and quotes for the truck body have been received. The quotes include the truck body, plow, plow hooks, hydraulics, spreaders, and emergency lighting. Two quotes were received, one from Mid Atlantic Lancaster Bodies \$80,250 and one from EM Kutz \$80,291, the difference between the two quotes is \$41.00. Things to consider, Mid Atlantic Lancaster Bodies lead time is 3-4 months; EM Kutz lead time is 45-60 days and they are recommending a new core 10-50 structural steel for the frame which should not pit and rust like the frames on the current trucks. After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by Travis Randler to order the truck body and plow hooks from EM Kutz for \$80,291; motion unanimously carried. The truck is expected to be completed and received in the seconded quarter of 2024.

New Business:

Matthew Johnson advised that the business he works for treats the frames of their trucks with an oil resin to help reduce corrosion and he asked Dwight Belleman and Benjamin Becker to price sprayers to treat truck frames once or twice a year to help maintain their integrity and reduce corrosion. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Year five of five of the PennDOT winter maintenance agreement amount is \$19,374.53. A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Matthew Johnson, to approve the 2023-2024 PennDOT winter maintenance agreement; motion unanimously carried. Dwight Belleman advised there are some sections of road shoulders that are in need of repair and pose a hazard while plowing, he recommended talking to the stated to address the issues before agreeing to the next winter maintenance agreement contract.

Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) membership application. Solicitor Andrew George stated the program is a good resource. President Bricker advised that more information be obtained before joining the program. This matter tabled until additional information is gathered.

President Bricker advised that former Council President Dennis Seldomridge recently passed and normally the Borough would send flowers to the family, however his obituary stated in lieu of flowers contributions to the American Cancer Society, or the Neptune Fire Company. A motion was made by Larry Hartman, seconded by James Niethammer, to approve a memorial contribution in the amount of \$100 to the Neptune Fire Company in honor of Dennis Seldomridge in lieu of flowers; motion unanimously carried.

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President Bricker asked if there were any comments for the good of the Borough. With no additional matters presented, a motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Robert Rittle, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary