

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Richland Borough Building, located at 5 Pine Street. 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, Robert Rittle, Secretary Rebecca Schnoke, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, and Road Laborer & Water Technician Benjamin Becker. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, Councilmembers James Niethammer, and Travis Randler.

Old Business:

Water Tank Project – Becker Engineering forwarded information and cost opinions for three different water tank design types for a 500,000-gallon tank with a 150 feet maximum water level elevation. Councilmembers reviewed, compared, and discussed the cost, design, pros & cons, and maintenance of the different tank design types. Discussion occurred regarding design types and which design is best suited to address the Borough's current water needs as well as potential future supply needs.

Refuse Contract – Secretary Schnoke advised the annual trash bill amount under the new contract with Weidle will be approximately \$500 dollars, and that Diversified can modify the billing system to accommodate installments. Council discussed in depth, potential payment options to make the price increase more manageable for residents.

Water Line Easements – President Bricker advised that one easement agreement is still needed for the Well No. 9 project, and that the Borough Solicitor will be contacting the property owner as Secretary Schnoke has not been successful in obtaining a signature.

Playground project – President Bricker advised the Chuck with YSM Landscape Architects is getting equipment designs and cost estimates from manufactures and expected completion of Phase one of the Playground Project is October/November of 2024.

Quality of Life Ordinance – President Bricker advised the Quality-of-Life Ordinance allows the Borough to set citation amounts that can be issued and enforced by Kraft Code Services verse filing with the District Magistrate and citations potentially being reduced. Councilmembers reviewed an example ordinance from another municipality and had discussion regarding fine amounts and sections not applicable to Richland Borough. President Bricker advised the information will be provided to the solicitor to format the ordinance to fit the Borough's needs.

Curb/Sidewalk Ordinance – President Bricker advised Casey from Becker Engineering forwarded a draft copy of the new curb/sidewalk ordinance. Councilmembers reviewed and discussed the draft ordinance.

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Discussion occurred regarding the three properties in the Borough that are currently without water. Considering the winter weather approaching, President Bricker requested Secretary Schnoke follow up with Kraft Code Services and the Borough Solicitor regarding next steps against the properties.

With no actions taken, 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 Matthew Johnson, to adjourn; motion unanimously carried.

With no action taken, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,  
Richland Borough Secretary