

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 28, 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, Councilmembers Matthew Johnson, Robert Rittle, Travis Randler, and Secretary Rebecca Schnoke. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, and Councilmember James Niethammer.

Old Business:

Neptune Fire Company was nominated and entered as a favorite nonprofit organization in the WIOV Letter to Santa Program and has a chance to win money. The fire company requested the information to vote be placed on the Borough's website. A motion was made to Robert Rittle, seconded by Matthew Johnson to place this Letter to Santa program and voting information on the Borough's website; motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Travis Randler, seconded by Robert Rittle to approve Resolution 2023-16 authorizing Richland Borough to assist the Neptune Fire Company with the application process and to submit the application for funding on behalf of Neptune Fire Company through a Local Share Account Statewide Grant from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority; motion unanimously carried.

Business & Apartment Refuse Exemptions – A request was received that does not meet the typical exemptions allowed. Discussion occurred regarding an exemption request and the verbiage of the exemption requirements. It was determined the exemption request does not meet the criteria of the exemption requirements and the Borough's solicitor will send a letter of explanation.

Budget – discussion of the 2024 budget occurred.

A motion was made by Travis Randler, seconded by Matthew Johnson to approve advertising the traffic ordinance; motion unanimously carried.

Refuse Contract Summary Letter – Secretary Schnoke presented a summary letter of the new refuse contract details to be mailed with the fourth quarter 2023 water bill. The summary letter was reviewed and approved.

Water Projects - Discussion occurred regarding current water rates and future rate increase options for water projects and water system infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.

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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 Travis Randler, seconded by Matthew Johnson, to adjourn; motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary