

Richland Borough Council – Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 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, James Niethammer, and Secretary Rebecca Schnoke. Absent was Councilmember Travis Randler.

Old Business:

Water Projects – President Bricker advised herself and representatives from multiple local water authorities attended a meeting with Congressman Meuser to discuss questions and concerns regarding regulations pertaining to PFAS and the lead and copper rule revision. The meeting was very informational, and there are new restrictions being proposed from Washington. Congressman Meuser is going to forward the concerns to see if anything can be done to deregulate or ease the burdens on small water companies.

New Business:

Eminent Domain – Land acquisitions is required for the new water tank location and construction. The desired land has been appraised, and the current land owner is unwilling to negotiate or accept a fair market value price for the land, eminent domain may need to be utilized. The purpose of the land acquisition is for the full purpose of the necessity of the water project, taking the land by eminent domain is the last resort. A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by Larry Hartman to authorize Solicitor Andrew George to contact the necessary legal entities and start the process to prepare to move forward with eminent domain if a reasonable price for the land acquisition cannot be agreed upon; motion unanimously carried.

Personnel Matter – Secretary Schnoke presented a resignation letter submitted by Councilmember Travis Randler.

President Bricker asked if there were any comments for the good of the Borough, none presented. A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by James Niethammer, to adjourn; motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,  
Richland Borough Secretary