Richland Borough Council – Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 26, 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 6:34 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, James Niethammer, Richard Strickler, Secretary Rebecca Schnoke, and Road Laborer/Water Technician Benjamin Becker. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, Councilmember Robert Rittle and Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman.

Old Business:

Water Projects – update provided on the environmental study, it is underway and nearing end.

Playground Projects – discussion about phase two of the park project regarding project budget and cost opinions. It was determined that due to all the current projects, the Borough will apply next year for another grant for phase two.

N. Race Street Project – No new updates, will organize meeting with N. Race Street residents closer to the project completion to discuss sidewalks.

2024 Tar & Chip Project – reviewed the project details that will be advertised for bid. Double Bituminous Seal Coating on Plum Aly (Church St. to Hazel Aly), Birch Alley (Church St. to Hazel Aly), and Cedar Aly (Church St. to E. Linden St.), Single Bituminous Seal Coating in the Richland Heights Development (Georgie Ln, Judy Ln, Linda Ln). Asphalt Patching - Intersections of Plum Aly & Church St., Strawberry Aly & N. Park St., E. Linden St. & Georgie Ln., Elm St. & Chestnut St., Lime Aly & Chestnut St.

Financing Options – President Bricker and Secretary Schnoke met with Lebanon Federal Credit Union to discuss financing options for residents of N. Race Street considering the sidewalk repairs coming soon as well as for ongoing Borough projects. Lebanon Federal Credit Union will provide some proposals for the next Borough Council Meeting.

Insurance Renewal – discussion of upcoming insurance renewal. The current policy provider no longer offers cyber crime coverage, Enders insurance will price a stand-alone cybercrime policy for consideration. It was agreed that cybercrime coverage in today's world is necessary.

902 Grant – Secretary Schnoke attended a meeting at the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority regarding the 902-recycling grant application and presented the information she learned. Secretary Schnoke will work on preparing the grant application. The grant application is due by May 10, 2024.

Trash – Discussion occurred regarding trash collection, several homes are putting more than the contracted limit of trash out for collection, and it is not being collected per the contract. It was determined excess trash must be pulled back and properly stored or extra bag tags purchased.

President Bricker asked if there were any comments for the good of the Borough, none presented. A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Richard Strickler, to adjourn; motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,

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