

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 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 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, Richard Strickler, and Secretary Rebecca Schnoke. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, Councilmember James Niethammer, Mayor Owen Landes, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, and Road Laborer & Water Technician Benjamin Becker.

Old Business:

2024 Alley Repair and Tar & Chip Bids – Sealed bids were opened, two bids were received and recorded. The bids received were from Russell Standard Corporation in the amount of \$71,566.29, and Martin Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$41,693.85. The bids will be reviewed by the solicitor and the contract will be awarded at the May 14, 2024, Borough Council meeting.

Financing Options with Lebanon Federal Credit Union & Concord Public Finance – Discussion occurred regarding the Borough's financing options with Lebanon Federal Credit Union and Concord Public Finance. Several questions were presented, Secretary Schnoke will follow up to obtain additional information.

Water Project Update – April 22, 2024, President Bricker, Matthew Johnson, James Niethammer, Dwight Belleman, and Benjamin Becker attended a meeting with Becker Engineering to review plans and discuss ongoing projects. Matthew Johnson provided a summary of the discussion and plan review that occurred at the meeting. Matthew Johnson presented the engineer's recommendations regarding tank designs and the pros and cons of each and requested each Council member to do some research on this matter to determine the tank design that is the most cost effective and will meet the current and future needs of the Borough's water system. Matthew Johnson highlighted that, the tank design chosen will be outfitted for potential cell antennas for future income, and for current cost savings the locations areas of well No. 9 and the water storage tank will be fenced in as a separate project after the construction project. President Bricker advised we are waiting on the clearance letter from US Fish and Wildlife, once clearance letter is received there will be an eighteen-day public comment period, and upon completion of this the HUD funds will be released. Additional LSA grant funding has been applied for, awards should be announced in September 2024. Matthew Johnson advised the preliminary water plans for the Elm Street Development project were reviewed at the meeting and the engineer will provide comments to the developer.

New Business:

A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Larry Hartman to approve the Richland Fire Police to provide service to the Marion Township Community Association for their annual Jim Keppley memorial car show to be held Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9 AM to 3 PM pending their availability; motion unanimously carried.

Richland Borough Council – Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

President Bricker asked if there were any comments for the good of the Borough, no additional matters presented a motion was made by Larry Hartman, seconded by Richard Stickler, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary