

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 25, 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, James Niethammer, and Secretary Rebecca Schnoke. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, Mayor Owen Landes, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, and Road Laborer & Water Technician Benjamin Becker.

Old Business:

President Bricker advised Council to consider the financing of some items such as the dump truck, playground project, and leaf truck to eliminate completely depleting reserve funds. Some of the projects are depending on the outcome of grant applications and timing of projects and asked Council to consider draw down loan financing options. Daryl Peck with Concord Public Finance presented and discussed funding options and explained financing limitations and requirements under the local government unit debit act. Council discussed the potential items/projects to finance, future plans, funding options and terms. Daryl Peck advised that if the Borough decides to move forward the next step would be to determine the dollar amount and terms of financing desired and to approve and authorize Concord Public Finance to move forward with requesting proposals. Upon authorization Concord Public Finance would write the terms of the desired financing and request proposals from thirty plus banks to yield more competitive and lower interest rates. Once proposals are received, they are reviewed by Concord Public Finance to determine the best proposals which are then presented to Council to vote on. President Bricker thank Daryl Peck for taking the time to discuss this matter and share his knowledge and stated Council will further consider this matter.

Water Project Update – President Bricker advised that the Well No. 9 NPDES permit approval was received today. President Bricker advised that Becker Engineering dropped off a draft of the water facilities map, Dwight and Ben will review, and field verify the map and make any changes or corrections. Once finalized Becker Engineering will print and provide the map for the Borough's record.

Playground Project Update – President Bricker advised she had a meeting 6/24/24 with the Borough employees, YSM, and Becker Engineering to discuss the final project bid specs and timeline. Chuck from YSM advised that the wait time for playground equipment is longer than anticipated and if he orders the playground equipment today, we may receive it in November, and that due to weather the poured in place rubber playground surface cannot be done in October. Chuck is going to try to expedite the delivery of the playground equipment but advised that final completion may not be done until early 2025. President Bricker advised the project bid will be advertised in July, the bid period will be four weeks, a non-mandatory Prebid meeting will be held July 24th, 2024, bids will be reviewed and awarded mid-August and the construction period will be late August to April/May 2025. President Bricker advised there are some items of the project will be performed by Dwight and Ben rather than paying prevailing wages. Casey from Becker Engineering advised that the NPDES permit approval was received today. President Bricker advised that herself and Dwight

Belleman will be meeting with Vernon Shirk from Rigidply Rafters to discuss a potential contribution to the project and that she would like to solicit local businesses to donate benches and tables. President Bricker advised a motion is required to approve to advertise the park project bids. A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Larry Hartman to approve Secretary Schnoke to advertise the park project bids; motion unanimously carried.

N. Race Street Update – Dwight Belleman and Casey Kerschner from Becker Engineering looked at some issues with the N. Race Street project to be addressed during the final walk-through inspection with JVI and PennDOT. Casey advised the final payment for the Borough's portion of the project will most likely not be due until 2026.

Amendment of the address for the property located at the corner of Oak Street and Church Street. Secretary Schnoke advised at the previous Borough Council meeting the address of this property was assigned as 108 Church Street however Lebanon County Department of Emergency Services is recommending that the address be 110 Church Street to conform with the addressing of neighboring properties. A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Richard Strickler to amend the assigned address of 108 Church Street to 110 Church Street per the recommendation of Lebanon County Department of Emergency Services; motion unanimously carried.

President Bricker advised that through the Quality-of-Life Ordinance, Kraft Municipal Group can ticket properties in violation. The Process will be to mail and post the properties in violation, a ticket is issued and if the matter is not resolved within 72 hours the Borough can resolve the matter or hire someone to resolve the matter at the property owner's expense. Property owners have thirty days to pay the ticket.

President Bricker advised Bobby Gerhart met with Dwight and Ben to look at the dump truck. Discussion occurred regarding the sale of the dump truck. A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by James Niethammer to advertise the 2015 Kenworth dump truck for sale on municipibid with no reserve with the right to accept or reject all offers by vote of Borough Council; motion unanimously carried.

President Bricker asked if there were any comments for the good of the Borough, no additional matters presented a motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Robert Rittle, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary