

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 26, 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, Councilmembers Matthew Johnson, James Niethammer, Robert Rittle, Richard Strickler, and Secretary Rebecca Schnoke. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, President Pro Tem Larry Hartman, Mayor Owen Landes, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, and Road Laborer & Water Technician Benjamin Becker.

Old Business:

Council reviewed and discussed in depth the proposed 2025 budget. A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Matthew Johnson to approve the proposed 2025 budget and authorize Secretary Schnoke to advertise the 2025 budget open for public inspection; motion unanimously carried.

James Niethammer advised that he worked with Fromm Electric to obtain a lighting study for the purpose of preparing a cable and conduit schedule for future lighting of the Borough Park. James Niethammer reviewed and summarized the lighting study provided by Fromm Electric, Council discussed this matter and decided to table the matter for further investigation.

Council reviewed and discussed the current and historical water usage and assigned EDU's for the businesses that are on the Borough's water system. After lengthy discussion, this matter was tabled for further consideration.

New Business:

Secretary Schnoke advised the engagement letter was received from the Borough's current independent auditor Stanilla, Siegel & Maser. A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by James Niethammer to execute the 2025 engagement letter for Stanilla, Siegel & Maser as the Borough's independent auditor; motion unanimously carried.

Secretary Schnoke advised correspondence was received from the Radon Division of the Department of Environmental Protection, they would like to send a letter to all Borough residents offering a free radon test kit. Council discussed this matter and approved the mailing of this letter, residents can request a free radon test kit if they choose.

Councilmember Robert Rittle inquired why mandatory water conservation notices were not issued as directed at the previous month's meeting. Secretary Schnoke advised that after Benjamin Becker contacted DEP it was discovered the process is more detailed and additional steps are required before the Borough can implement mandatory water conservation. Water levels will continue to be monitored and currently the Borough will follow the State's lead.

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President Bricker advised a Water leak has been identified in the area of North Race Street, the exact location needs to be pin pointed and repaired.

Secretary Schnoke advised that DEP announced the 2024 round of 902 Recycling Grant Awards. The Borough was awarded \$200,000 for the purchase of a new leaf truck.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary