

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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, James Niethammer, Robert Rittle, Richard Strickler, 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:

Water Projects – President Bricker provided the following project updates.

Well No. 9 - President Bricker provided a summary of the Well No. 9 preconstruction meeting, looking to start construction in April 2025. Discussion occurred regarding the connection of Well No. 9 to the main transmission line. Dwight Belleman and Benjamin Becker will monitor all aspects of the project and address any questions or concerns to James Kinney of Becker Engineering who will be onsite for the project and will also be the point of contact for the residents in that area. The Engineer and contractors will be taking preconstruction pictures and videos of the site prior to the start of construction

Water Storage Tank - The PennVEST funding has been approved for the water storage tank, Solicitor Andrew George reviewed the documents and made two minor corrections before consideration for signing.

Park Project – President Bricker & Councilmember James Niethammer provided the following updates.

President Bricker advised Dwight Belleman, Benjamin Becker, and herself will be meeting with Chuck Strodoski of YSM and SLC Excavating regarding issues and concerns pertaining to the temperatures when concrete was poured and asphalt was paved, pavilion materials exposed to the elements, and a pickleball post that was cut off during paving.

Councilmember James Niethammer advised the conduit and fittings for the park electric/lighting has been ordered and he met with Stardust Electric regarding cameras for the park, they will be preparing a quote.

New Business:

Personnel – President Bricker advised that Councilmember Matthew Johnson and herself met with the Borough employees to review 2024, items covered included, questions, concerns, things that went well, and things to improve going into 2025. President Bricker and Matthew Johnson provided the rest of Council with a summary of the employee meeting and the employee feedback received. The Council discussed the information relayed from the employee meeting, current employee handbook policies, and employee work hours.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary