A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 24, 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 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, Secretary Rebecca Schnoke, and Road Laborer/Water Technician Benjamin Becker. Also present, James Kinney from Becker Engineering. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, President Pro Tem Larry Hartman, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, and Mayor Owen Landes.

Old Business:

Elevated Water Storage Tank

James Kinney provided Council with a letter from Becker Engineering to be put on file recommending the tank project be re-bid.

A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by James Niethammer to approve to reject all current bids for the Elevated Water Storage Tank; motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Robert Rittle to approve to re-bid the Elevated Water Storage Tank as alternate spheroid and composite; motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Richard Strickler to approve to authorize the advertisement of the Elevated Water Storage Tank bid; motion unanimously carried.

James Kinney provided a tentative project schedule for the elevated water storage tank reflecting re-bidding.

President Bricker advised she is in contact with legislators for grant support.

Sale of Leaf Truck

The council reviewed the bid results from Municibid, the highest bid received was from Bobby Gerhart of Bobby Gerhart’s Truck World in the amount of $34,300.00. The Borough purchased the leaf truck for $38,000.00 in December of 2020.

A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by James Niethammer to approve to accept the bid received from Bobby Gerhart of Bobby Gerhart’s Truck World in the amount of $34,300.00 and sell the 2007 Freightliner M2 with ODB SCL 800 Leaf Collector and box; motion unanimously carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Richard Strickler, seconded by James Niethammer to approve to execute the cooperation & sub-grant agreement between the Borough of Richland and Neptune Fire Company No. 1 for the purpose of the LSA Grant; motion unanimously carried. James Kinney advised the partnership with the Fire Company to get the LSA grant does not impact Richland Borough’s eligibility for grant funding for Borough projects.

President Bricker advised the Well No. 9 & water facilities tour was postponed due to the heat.

A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by James Niethammer to approve creating a Recreation Committee for the purpose of planning, organizing, and overseeing recreational activities and facilities; motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Robert Rittle to approve to appoint Richard Strickler (Chairman), Kelly Bricker, James Niethammer, and Rebecca Schnoke to the Recreation Committee; motion unanimously carried.

Benajmin Becker advised to keep in mind for budget purposes that water meters will need to be replaced in approximately 15 years. James Kinney advised there is grant funding available for metering projects.

Well No. 9

James Kinney advised that the contact pipe is in place and tomorrow they will start running the 4” ductile pipe from Well No. 9 to the contact pipe.

Park Project

James Kinney advised Casey Kerschner will be in the park tomorrow to work on as-builts. The depression around the park inlet is being monitored and Kinsley will bring topsoil in to level the area, so there is some work that will need to be completed.

Secretary Schnoke advised the security camera installation should be complete this week.

Benjamin Becker provided an update regarding the leaking valve on Memorial Boulevard; it is a small leak. Currently working to locate a valve box that PennDOT paved over. Trying to locate necessary valves to utilize for shut off during the repair to isolate the area and minimize the number of customers impacted during repair.

Matthew Johnson advised that the new Wright Zero Turn mower from PowerPro was received, after approximately 10 minutes of use the new mower started sputtering, backfiring, and shut off. PowerPro picked up the new mower and is looking into the issue, so far they have found a kinked fuel line from factory. PowerPro stated they are willing to do whatever they can to make things right and keep the Borough’s business, they will hold the Borough’s check and if the problem cannot be resolved the Borough could choose to walk away from the purchase. PowerPro will be replacing all the fuel lines and fuel pump to see if it resolves the issue. PowerPro has provided a loaner mower for the Borough to use until the issue is rectified.

President Bricker announced that Council will recess the Workshop Session and enter Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

The Council returned from the Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. after discussing legal matters and reconvening the workshop Session with no action taken.

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 Strickler, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,

Richland Borough Secretary