

A workshop meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 25, 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, President Pro Tem Larry Hartman, Councilmembers James Niethammer, Richard Strickler, Robert Rittle, Secretary Rebecca Schnoke, and Road Laborer/Water Technician Benjamin Becker. Absent was Vice President Mark Brubaker, Councilmember Matthew Johnson, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, and Mayor Owen Landes.

There were no citizens present.

Old Business:

Millbach Water Main Extension

PA Small Water Grant determinations have been tabled until the December meeting or most likely January.

Neptune Fire Company LSA Grant

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Robert Rittle to authorize the execution of the AED procurement letter, to accompany payment request #2; motion unanimously carried.

Radar Speed Signs

Larry Hartman and Benjamin Becker met and went around town to identify the best placement locations for the radar speed signs. Council discussed this matter and decided the signs would be put up after winter.

N. Race Street Project

Council briefly discussed properties that remain noncompliant with the sidewalk replacement deadline. Benjamin Becker will confirm the next step with the engineer.

2026 Proposed Budget

Council reviewed & discussed the proposed budget to finalize for public inspection and adoption at the December council meeting.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 405 – LGUDA Ordinance

Peter Edleman provided a summary of the LGUDA requirements for the PennVEST funding for the Elevated Water Storage Tank, and the required Ordinance.

A motion was made by Larry Hartman, seconded by James Niethammer to enact Ordinance No. 405 LGUDA Ordinance for PennVEST funding of the Elevated Water Storage Tank; motion unanimously carried.

2026 Tax Certification

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Richard Strickler to authorize the execution of the 2026 tax certification form; motion unanimously carried.
Borough Auditor

Secretary Schnoke provided proposals received for council to review and consider prior to approving a firm at the December council meeting.

Street Sign Replacement

Secretary Schnoke shared a resident request to have a street name marker sign replaced. Benjamin Becker advised there are several signs that are faded and in need of replacement. Benjamin Becker advised public works can replace the signs but requested guidance from Council on where to start, if all signs should be replaced or only those that are really faded, sign details, and budget figures. Council discussed and advised street sign name color will be blue with white lettering, \$5,000 will be budgeted for 2026, and replacement will start on the North side of the tracks, and any remaining funds will be used to continue replacing on the other side of town. This will continue annually until all signs have been replaced. Benjamin Becker will get price quotes for the signs.

904 Recycling Grant

Council discussed the details of the new programs to be implemented in 2026 as part of the 904 recycling grant the Borough received for the new leaf truck. New programs to be implemented in 2026 will include a Spring leaf collection and a Spring yard waste collection, tentatively to occur in the first week of May. Once all details have been finalized, collection information will be included in the Borough newsletter and posted on the Borough's website.

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 Larry Hartman, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary