

**MINUTES**  
**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MAY 4, 2026**

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2026 at the Richland Township Municipal Building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904 at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Bob Heffelfinger, Chair  
Keith W. Saylor  
Brian H. Lehman  
Jeffrey D. Wingard  
W. Ray McCombie

Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director  
George Gvozdich, Jr., Solicitor  
Emily Pollino, Secretary

**ABSENT**

None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Heffelfinger called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Wingard moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2026 as distributed, seconded by Mr. McCombie. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA**

Mr. Heffelfinger moved item number two (Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Supply of Water Service Between Richland Township and Southwestern Cambria County Water Authority) to the first item on the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS** - *The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item.*

No comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Supply of Water Service Between Richland Township and Southwestern Cambria County Water Authority***

Mr. Muir from the EADS Group represented the Southwestern Cambria County Water Authority. They have a project submitted to Pennvest. He stated this is the first time they asked for all the agreements with neighboring municipalities that they have waterlines in, per EADS records, there is nothing on file. They drafted an agreement and sent it to the Township for review. Mr. Heffelfinger asked for an overview. Mr. McCombie asked if there were plans to extend the line where Frankstown Road meets Fulmer Road. Mr. Muir stated Southwestern does not have lines there. The EADS group requested a grant to put in lines off Roberts Road down Fulmer Road and up Fulmer Road but were denied. It would have served the existing customers. Mr. McCombie asked about Engbert Road. Mr. Muir stated they have an Army Corps 313 grant submitted. They have not heard anything back yet. It would connect Engbert Road, the whole way up Solomon Run Road and reconnect Solomon Run Road to Fulmer Road. If anything happens to the water supply, they can bypass water through Engbert Road. Clapboard Run Road is served. R2 feeds Solomon Run and Birtle. Birtle feeds Solomon Run and Clapboard run.

The project would replace all the main feed lines on Frankstown Road the whole way from Cover Hill to Ragers Hill. Mr. McCombie asked what size line that would be. Mr. Muir stated 6-inch AC pipe is being replaced with 8-inch pipe that passes the area of the Villa Crest and then is switching back to 6-inch. They ran the flows. Mr. Muir will get the hydrant report to the Board. Mr. Lehman asked what kind of term they are looking for, for the agreement. Mr. Muir said twenty-five minimum. The loan will not close out until the end of 2028. Mr. McCombie moved to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Supply of Water Service Between Richland Township and Southwestern Cambria County Water Authority for twenty-five (25) additional years, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor. Motion carried.

### ***Bid Opening – 2026 Paving Project***

Six bids were received in the following amounts:

1. Derry Construction
  - a. Phase 1: \$562,636.09
2. Grannas Brothers
  - a. Phase 1: \$590,799.00
3. HRI
  - a. Phase 1: \$717,572.05
4. Midland Asphalt
  - a. Phase 2: \$49,367.01
5. Quaker Sales
  - a. Phase 1: \$438,890.52
  - b. Phase 2: \$42,711.90
  - c. Total: \$481,602.42
6. Russell Standard
  - a. Phase 2: \$46,983.09

Mr. McCombie moved to award the bid to the apparent low bidder (Phases 1 & 2), Quaker Sales, for their total bid amount of \$481,602.42, with the stipulation that they meet all bid requirements upon review by Mr. Beppler, seconded by Mr. Heffelfinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Payment of the Bills***

Mr. Lehman moved to approve the general fund bills totaling \$65,623.17, and an out of meeting check to Vicki Hofecker for \$50.00 and payroll in the amount of \$100,426.96, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### ***East Hills Recreation – Food Truck Request at Luray Ave. Park***

Andi Cvekus was here to represent East Hills Recreation. She would like to have a food truck series at the Luray Avenue park. Ms. Cvekus wants local food trucks to come on Fridays and Saturdays in the summer. It would start at the beginning of June and end at the end of August. Ms. Cvekus stated the food trucks would not interfere with the baseball leagues. Mr. Beppler requested that the vendors have Richland Township and East Hills Recreation listed as additional insured parties on their insurance. Mr. Beppler also stated the food trucks would need to have a transient merchant license.

Mr. Saylor made a motion to approve the food trucks, contingent under insurance requirements, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor. Motion carried.

***Part Time Summer Worker (Seasonal) – Alexander Moore -- \$13.00 p/h; Effective 5/18/2026***

Mr. Wingard made a motion to approve the hiring of Alexander Moore as a part-time summer worker, effective May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the rate of \$13.00 p/h., seconded by Mr. McCombie. All in favor. Motion carried.

***Public Comment***

Marsha Strushensky asked if the food trucks would need to have a designated space. Ms. Cvekus responded that they just need the truck. Ms. Strushensky also asked what the Johnstown Civic Band is. Mr. Beppler explained they perform musical concerts throughout Richland Township. The concerts are open to the public.

Maryanne Wells asked about the potential airport development on Mt. Airy Dr. Mr. Beppler stated there was no formal paperwork submitted related to that development.

Ron Berkey stated there is a problem on Locher Road with one of the residents. He stated a truck is blocking the road and you cannot get up and down the road. Mr. Beppler stated that he had a conversation late on Friday afternoon (May 1, 2026) with the owner of the truck. He stated he needs to clean up the area and move the vehicle. If he does not clean it up, then the Township is going to the Magistrate. It was stated that this has been an ongoing issue. Mr. Beppler mentioned calling the non-emergency police line. Mr. Beppler will follow up with Chief Pollino. A question was raised as to whether they can legally tow the trailers and trucks. Mr. Heffelfinger stated that question should be referred to the police. The main concern is Emergency Services being able to get through. Mr. Beppler asked if Mr. Bray could follow up on the matter.

There is another concern with a property on Fulmer Rd. Mr. Heffelfinger asked to address the property maintenance. Mr. Beppler stated they have ten days to respond after the letter is sent, if they do not respond, the complaint is referred to the magistrate. A magistrate hearing is then scheduled. Mr. Heffelfinger made a statement about property maintenance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Pollino  
Secretary