MINUTES
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 2, 2026

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2026 at the Richland Township Municipal Building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Bob Heffelfinger, Chair	George Gvozdich, Solicitor
Keith W. Saylor	Bryan Beppler, Executive Director
Jeffrey D. Wingard	Tiffany Shomo, Secretary
W. Ray McCombie	
Brian H. Lehman	

ABSENT
None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chair Heffelfinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES
Mr. Wingard moved to approve the minutes of October 19, 2026, as distributed. Seconded by Mr. McCombie. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA
None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE
None.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
Payment of the Bills
Mr. Lehman moved to approve the General Fund bills totaling $95,719.36, a Capital Equipment Fund check to Richland Township Fire Dept. in the amount of $155,425.00, payroll in the amount of $97,203.57 and the following out of meeting checks, due to an accounting software issue: Chemung Supply Corp. $229.00, Constellation NewEngergy, Inc. $51.72, Cernic University Towing $1,895.26, Dale Oxygen, Inc. $12.00, General Cleaning Service of Johnstown $910.00, Grtr Johnstown Water Authority $25.94, PENELEC $26.23, Smith Propane & Oil $1,690.22, The Tribune Democrat $1,818.50. Seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution for Paving of Richland Twp. Municipal Bldg. Parking Lot / Access Roads
Mr. Lehman made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Gvozdich reported that the bankruptcy sale of Skyview Estates is scheduled for next week in Pittsburgh. A base bid has been received from a local developer, and the property will be sold through an auction-style process beginning at the established base bid. A 10% deposit will be required, with the successful bidder having a few months to complete the closing.

Mr. Wes Meyers reported that he spoke with the transportation representative regarding the vehicle that was purchased. The vehicle is expected to begin its return trip next week, with an estimated delivery timeframe of 7–10 days.

Mr. Meyers also updated the Board regarding a cardiac arrest incident at Off The Top, reporting that the outcome appears to be a positive save. Two career firefighters arrived first, followed by three volunteer firefighters and then East Hills Ambulance. An AED machine was utilized during the response.

Public Comment
Mr. George of 117 Dobson Drive addressed the Board regarding the lack of township leaf collection services for his property, which is located on a private, dead-end street approximately 300 feet long. He explained that he owns approximately 120 feet of frontage on both sides of the street, with a significant number of trees along the frontage. Due to doctor's orders limiting his physical activity and ability to lift more than 10 pounds, he is no longer able to collect, bag, and transport the leaves as he has done in the past. He estimated that approximately 200 bags of leaves are generated and requested that the Township consider allowing the leaf collection truck to back down approximately 250 feet on the private roadway to collect them. He expressed concern that residents on private streets pay the same taxes, but do not receive the same services as those on public streets.

Mr. Heffelfinger expressed understanding but explained that second-class townships are prohibited from entering private property or roadways to provide services, except in emergency situations. He noted that this applies to all private neighborhoods, including Skyview, regardless of the number of homes. Mr. George questioned why residents pay the same taxes but do not receive the same services. Mr. Heffelfinger explained that private roadways have fewer financial obligations than accepted roads and that the Township does not own or maintain them, creating liability concerns due to unknown road conditions and construction. He further explained that accepting a private road would require improvements, including core borings, lighting, and right-of-way width compliance, which can be costly. He noted that other homeowners' associations have declined to pursue road acceptance due to the expense. Mr. Heffelfinger emphasized that the restriction is not financially motivated and that the Township would provide the service if the roadway were public. Mr. George thanked him for the explanation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Shomo
Tiffany Shomo
Secretary