

Richmond Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 09, 2026
6:00 P.M. prevailing time

Chairman Brian Wanner called the Richmond Township Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. in the Richmond Township Municipal Building. The pledge of allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

In attendance at this meeting were Supervisors Brian Wanner, Sam Kemmerer and Scott Brinker; Jennifer Galomb, Township Secretary-Treasurer; Chris Hartman, Esq., Solicitor and Scott Anderson, Township Engineer

An executive session was held on February 9th, after the regular monthly meeting had adjourned, to discuss ongoing litigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- AGENDA COMMENTS SESSION

Travis Parks asked the Board if there were any plans to pave Mine Road, one of the Township dirt roads. Brian Wanner discussed that the roadcrew spends a lot of time grading the few dirt roads that they have and just recently talked about paving them. Although it is not on the list of roadwork for this year, we will review it again at budget time for next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026 Monthly Meeting, Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Report- Fleetwood Police.

Corporal Arndt reviewed the report with the Board. Background checks have been done on several potential new hires, physical and drug screening to be completed before offers of employment are offered.

Code Enforcement Report for February, 2026 and related Correspondence- Kraft

Jeff Fiant reviewed the report with the Board.

7 Permits were issued, with a total construction value of \$789,920.00

Main Street-Virginville- Pictures have been taken and a NOV has been sent out.

Zoning Hearings:

10 Ballfield Lane- Dog Grooming Salon- Relief Granted

432 Dryville Road- Pole Barn (dimensional variance)- Relief Granted

SEO Report- LTL Consultants Ltd.

The Board reviewed the report and had no questions.

Virginville Fire Company Report.

The Board reviewed the report and had no questions.

Walnuttown Fire Company Report.

The Board reviewed the report and had no questions.

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to approve the payment request of \$42,300.00 for 5 air packs and 10 cylinders, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Life Lion and Topton Ambulance Reports.

There were no reports submitted at the time of the meeting.

Berks County Bridge Replacement- Benesch

Alan Piper; Transportation Planner, Berks County Planning Commission, discussed plans to replace the Moselem Springs bridge on Eagle Road. He brought the engineers from Benesch to discuss the project, time frame and answer any questions.

John Knecht from Benesch, provided the Board with the draft drawings of the project and intended road closures. The bridge will be closed during construction and not staged. They currently have a permit into DEP and are awaiting comments, which they should have in the summer.

On the golf course side of the bridge, they intend to ease the curve a bit, for better sight distance. The bridge will be the same length, just wider, allowing for 2 lanes of travel. There was a brief discussion regarding stop/yield signs on the bridge, speed limit signs on Eagle Road and restricting truck traffic.

It was discussed that the triangle on RT 662, right before the bridge is a huge hazard. That area is not in the project and will need to reach out to PennDOT to discuss further.

They hope to bid the project in the fall/winter and have construction start in the spring. Construction should take about 8 months and they are hoping to finished before the RT 222 construction starts.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT- Scott Anderson

Solar Farm

No update until the weather breaks

Scott has been meeting with the developer/contractor regarding Mertz Road damage. He requested a quote to submit for approval.

Attorney Hartman mentioned that Heelstone still owes the Township, just under \$2,000.00 for the additional work that was done on Weaver's Road, which he has been speaking to Attorney Miller about. He would like to address both Weaver's and Mertz Road in the same agreement if possible. He will also mention the issues with Floyd Kurtz's well and see if they can come to a solution.

The Board would like to have a few very heavy rains and make sure the ponds are working as planned before anything is signed off on.

Willow Crest- update

Nothing to update.

2026 Roadwork Project.

Scott presented the Board with a list of roads for paving this year, with Farmers Drive as an option. Robby discussed that when the roundabout was done, Farmers Drive was paved but never topped, causing a few areas to pop apart. When we put the list out for bid, we'll see what the costs are and see what we can do.

Robby discussed that there won't be any oil and chipping done this year, so they can use the money budgeted for that towards Farmers Drive or Gift Road. Other roads to be paved are Krause, School and finish off Richmaiden. Roadwork budget would be around \$369,000.00.

It was discussed that the concern with bidding right now with oil prices being so high, the Board would prefer to wait and see what happens by next meeting. Robby mentioned that they weren't planning on starting the project until school lets out, so waiting another month or two will be fine.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Delinquent Sewer Report

Attorney Hartman recommended DJ complaints be filed on the properties that letters had been sent to and had gotten no response, which would be #1089, #1205 & #2099.

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to approve, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

He also recommended that the remaining accounts over \$1,000.00 or close to it, should have letters sent out as well, #1101 & #1242 which Jen will handle.

Discuss Shared Use Path Agreement- PennDOT

The Board reviewed the letter that Attorney Hartman had prepared regarding the concerns that were discussed last month, he would like to send to PennDOT, Judy Schwank and Dave Maloney. Sam Kemmerer asked if they could request the entire path be at least 14' wide, accessible to horse and buggy. He will make the revisions and recirculate for review and signatures.

STECKBECK ENGINEERING- Scott Rights, P.E.

Motion to approve Chapter 94 Report for both Virginville and Walnuttown

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to approve the report, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

None

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

Review monthly road work report

The Board reviewed the report.

Robby suggested that we get in touch with PennDOT and try to work with them on improving and widening the Y on Eagle Road. When construction starts on RT 222, people are going to be taking Eagle Road and it isn't wide enough for all that traffic. After a brief discussion, PennDOT will be contacted and hopefully they can assist.

Robby assisted with the water leak in the Willow Crest development last month. The supply line that leaked was replaced. Fleetwood Borough had M&A Excavating complete the repairs.

The soffit was replaced on the salt shed and the opening was lowered by 6'. Robby would like to get a curtain to close it off to keep the weather out.

SECRETARY- TREASURER'S REPORT

Payment of the bills

General Fund

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #12297 to Check #12331 including the EFTs in the amount of \$192,489.28 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

State Fund

No checks

Light Fund

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check# 2190 in the amount of \$861.72 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Richmond Township Sewer Fund

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #3390 to Check #3396 including EFTs in the amount of \$27,432.70 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Walnuttown Fire Escrow

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #2202 & #2203 in the amount of \$43,305.50 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Virginville Fire Escrow

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #2208 in the amount of \$1,005.50 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

An Executive Session will be held after the meeting to discuss on-going litigation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brian Wanner to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by Sam Kemmerer. Motion carried unanimously.



Jennifer Galomb
Secretary-Treasurer, Richmond Township



~~Brian Wanner~~ Sam Kemmerer
Vice - Chairman, Richmond Township