

Richmond Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2025
6:00 P.M. prevailing time

Chairman Brian Wanner called the Richmond Township Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 6:03 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 Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and Chris Hartman, Esq., Solicitor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- AGENDA COMMENTS SESSION

Lyle Weidner- 618 Crisscross Road- On June 12th, while mowing his lawn he was violently attacked by his neighbors' bees. He was stung roughly 100 times and had to go to the hospital for treatment. The neighbor has a beekeeping business and has them placed approx. 2 foot off of the property line. The Fleetwood Police were notified and asked the neighbor to move the bees further away. Mr. Weidner asked if the neighbor has the proper permits for this and why is the business allowed at such a small residential property.

The neighbor currently sells honey and bee starter packages out of his house and apparently that day, they got angry and attacked Mr. Weidner, along with a few other people at his home.

Jeff Fiant discussed that the neighbor has had bees since he has been with the Township and had only had one conversation with him early on and was selling honey, which was as established use, not sure what happened prior. The Township ordinance does not have a whole lot of information on bees, other than they need to be placed 10 feet from the property line.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Brian Wanner and seconded by Sam Kemmerer, to have Attorney Hartman and Kraft look into the situation and report back. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to approve the minutes from the June 09, 2025 Monthly Meeting, Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Report for June, 2025 and related Correspondence- Kraft

Jeff Fiant was in attendance and reviewed the report with the board.
High weeds and grass are in full swing.

It was discussed that on Saucony Road, there are a number of residents that do not have a paved driveway and the stones are washing out into the roadway, making it extremely dangerous, which also is a violation of the Township ordinance. Some residents have cleaned the roadway up after the storms, others have not.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Brian Wanner to have Robby Rarick and Scott Anderson review the properties and come up with a possible solution, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Corporal Arndt shared her frustration with the washed-out driveways. One has an extremely steep incline and is so washed out that they cannot get a patrol car up it. On several occasions they have had to walk up the driveway, which is definitely a safety concern, especially for emergency vehicles.

SEO Report- LTL Consultants Ltd.

The Board reviewed the report. A motion was made by Brian Wanner to accept the report, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Report- Fleetwood Police.

Corporal Arndt reviewed the report and introduced their newest part time officer Joel Avram.

Virginville Fire Company Report.

The Board reviewed the report and had no questions.

Mark Richards was in attendance and discussed the joint operation plan between Virginville Fire Company and Walnuttown Fire Company, which will better the relationship between the 2 fire companies and have a stronger response within the Township.

Mark also mentioned that they are having a smoke maze training on July 19th, which is learning how to crawl through a burning building with heavy smoke. They will also be doing a hose line advancement, which is getting a hose up to the top floors of a burning building.

On September 7th they will be doing a company level burn. The building will be caught on fire several times and make sure everyone is comfortable around and putting out fires.

Brian Wanner mentioned that he was very happy with what they are doing, with training and volunteers, as well as getting monthly reports on time without having to request.

Walnuttown Fire Company Report.

The Board reviewed the report and had no questions.

Discuss fire study results and upcoming joint meeting with Fleetwood

Brian Wanner discussed that there was a fire survey that was conducted between Virginville, Walnuttown and Fleetwood Fire Departments. On Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 PM at the Fleetwood Grange, there will be a meeting to go over the study and get feedback, along with the public's questions and concerns.

Request from Community Fire Company of New Tripoli

They are requesting assistance with traffic control and parking on Saturday, September 20th for the 9th Annual Fall Bash. A motion was made by Brian Wanner to have Virginville Fire Company assist with this event, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Life Lion and Tipton Ambulance Reports.

The Board reviewed the reports.

Brian Wanner mentioned that the Township will have a line item on the budget to discuss the funding of the EMS for next year, for both Life Lion and Topton Ambulance. Life Lion currently services about 95% of the Township and Topton has approx. 5%.

Approve renewal of property & casualty insurance with Seltzer Group

The Board review the new rates in the amount of \$57,339.00. A motion was made by Brian Wanner to approve the renewal, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve renewal of workers compensation insurance with State Workers' Insurance Fund

The Board review the new rates for the VFC workers comp insurance of \$26,812.00. Jen mentioned that there are no other companies that are willing to submit quotes.

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

Discuss a replacement for Ben Kemmerer on the Planning Commission

Ben will be moving out of the Township the end of August. Jen mentioned that they will be having a meeting this month and probably next, which he can attend. Brian said he has a few people in mind that he will ask.

Authorize solicitor to review and provide comments on Comcast Franchise Agreement

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT- Jeff Fiant- (filling in)

Willow Crest- Update

Met-Ed is scheduled to meet with Mario this week to get the disconnects started.

Solar Farm

There was a meeting at the Solar Farm between Jeff, Scott Anderson, Sam Kemmerer, a representative of Heelstone and Kimbley-Horne. They had a very productive meeting to discuss basin #2, which is closest to the railroad and not holding any water. There was a discussion about putting in a restrictor plate on the headwall, which currently has a 12" pipe that exits the basin, changing that and making it a 4" pipe, to give it a try and see if it works. Jeff contacted Dean Druckenmiller at the Berks County Conservation District and discussed it with him and he was agreeable to it. Kimbley-Horne is drawing up a plan to have a restrictor plate fabricated. They are looking to have this done as soon as possible.

There will be a meeting next week between Scott, Robby and Folk Paving to go over the paving project at the solar farm, which should begin shortly after.

2025-Street Roadwork

H&K is planning on starting the roadwork next week. Robby is looking to put signs out on the roads to alert residents.

There was a discussion regarding paving the rest of Mine Road in the coming years. Robby had mentioned that Gift Road is another dirt road, which is scheduled for paving next year.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Delinquent Sewer Report

Attorney Hartman reviewed the monthly report with the Board. He recommended the Board approve Jen send letters to the residents on the accounts that are getting close to \$1000.00 delinquent. A motion was made by Brian Wanner to approve the letters, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STECKBECK ENGINEERING- Scott Rights, P.E.

Approve rental of portable generator at Pleasant Hill Pump Station during repairs

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to approve the rental at a cost of \$1,145.00/day, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve new Omnisite flow monitoring system for Pleasant Hill Pump Station

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to approve the Omnisite system at a total price of \$4,270.00 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 mentioned that he would like to send a letter to the Burkholder family, thanking them for their help and assistance during the storm at the beginning of July.

Reaffirm approval of the purchase of a new pressure washer

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to reaffirm approval of the pressure washer, at a cost of \$6,950.00 Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reaffirm approval of purchasing 2024 RAM 3500 Crew Cab from bid opening on June 30th.

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to reaffirm approval of the purchase of the new truck in the amount of \$63,432.00 Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reaffirm approval of purchasing a body for new truck from Frontline

A motion was made by Brian Wanner to reaffirm approval of the purchase of the truck body at a price of \$21,781.00 Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY- TREASURER'S REPORT

Payment of the bills

General Fund

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #11998 to Check #12040 including the EFTs in the amount of \$275,599.90 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

State Fund

No Checks

Light Fund

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #2184 in the amount of \$839.89 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Richmond Township Sewer Fund

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #3323 to Check #3332 including EFTs in the amount of \$21,065.36 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Walnuttown Fire Escrow

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #2193 in the amount of \$3,351.50 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Virginville Fire Escrow

A motion was made by Sam Kemmerer to pay Check #2197 in the amount of \$3,351.50 Scott Brinker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Review financial statements of the non-uniform defined contribution pension plan

The Board reviewed the financial statement and had no questions. A motion was made by Brian Wanner to accept the financial statement, Sam Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

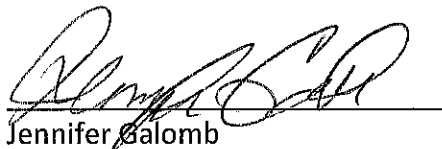
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brian Wanner to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 P.M. The motion was seconded by Sam Kemmerer. Motion carried unanimously.



Jennifer Galomb
Secretary-Treasurer, Richmond Township



Brian Wanner
Chairman, Richmond Township