

Millcreek Richland Joint Authority Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

The Millcreek-Richland Joint Authority Meeting of February 3, 2025, was called to order by John Wolgemuth, Authority Chairman at 7:05 P.M.

Present: James Bottomley, John Wolgemuth, Jessica Weaver, Cody Shalters, and Rebecca Schnoke

Absent: Arthur Wealand

Also in attendance: Dan Hershey, Justin LaTourette, Bernadette Girello, Kelly Bricker, James Neithammer, and Scott Sweigart

Public Comment:

Scott Sweigart appeared regarding the Bethany Road subdivision. They received the will-serve letter. They are now requesting 10 EDUs rather than the 9 EDUs that were previously approved. They would like to put in their infrastructure before service is ready.

New Business:

Richland Borough Public Works help with sewer shut off. The Authority's timeline does not align with the Borough's water shutoff schedule. If they could be aligned, it would be more cost-effective for customers. The Borough would like a representative of the Authority to present if the shutoff is only for failure to pay sewer bill.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting were offered. Mr. Wolgemuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bottomley, to approve the January 6, 2025, meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid were reviewed for January 2025. Mr. Bottomley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shalters, to pay all bills marked with asterisks as presented on the January Treasurer's report. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wolgemuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bottomley, to approve the Treasurer's report. All voted in favor.

Purified Operations LLC:

A manhole was hit at Linden and Main Street by two Richland Borough vehicles during snow removal. Mr. LaTourette installed a tar strip.

SWEARP completed the lining project. Newmanstown Water Company provided the water for the project.

The furnace in Station 3 was replaced by A&B HVAC. The oil tanks were all filled once, with an expectation that they will need to be filled again before the end of winter.

The transfer switch in Station 3 is stuck in the on position. The original part is unable to be replaced. Mr. LaTourette got a quote from Power Systems to replace it at a cost of \$6,949.

Mr. LaTourette plans to put a new battery in the pickup truck.

Mr. LaTourette had to jet the line on Cherry Street. The water hose wore out. He requested a quote from Keystone Hydraulics but has not received it yet.

Mr. Wolgemuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bottomley to replace the transfer switch at a cost of \$6,949 from Power Systems Electric. All voted in favor.

Dan Hershey – Hershey Engineering:

The Bethany Road project is now requesting 10 EDUs. He recommends approval with same conditions as the prior will-serve letter.

Ms. Schnoke, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shalters to approve Mr. Hershey sending will serve letter for the Bethany Road project approving 10 EDUs once Pump Station 2 is completed. All voted in favor.

The Chapter 94 report is complete. Mr. LaTourette also reviewed the report. It needs to be signed by Mr. Wolgemuth before it can be submitted to Myerstown Borough.

Ms. Schnoke, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolgemuth, for Mr. Wolgemuth to sign the Chapter 94 report. All voted in favor.

Richland Green, formerly Elm Street Subdivision by Hess, provided an updated subdivision plan with substantial changes from the last plan.

The Pump Station 2 project permit was submitted to DEP.

The Ash Road project needs financial security and township approval of the right-of-way.

Amy Leonard, Solicitor: There is an easement agreement prepared for the Millcreek Park project.

Ms. Schnoke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolgemuth to provide the easement agreement for the Millcreek Park project. All voted in favor.

Billing delinquents – report provided. No properties were posted for the third quarter billing.

Board Member Reports: none.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business: none.

The final payment was made for the new website and Ms. Girello has administrative rights to it.

Administrative Assistant Report:

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Ms. Schnoke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shalters, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary, Jessica Weaver