



**Borough of Mount Joy**  
**Public Works Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2019**  
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering, Councilor Ginder, and Councilor Millar

STAFF/MAYOR PRESENT: Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Borough Manager Samuel Sulkosky, Parks Superintendent Brian Brubaker, Mayor Bradley and Borough Engineer Darrel Becker

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Wolfe, Bruce Haigh, Gary and Raeann Schatz, Shelley and Larry Derr, Bill Hall, Ken Ober, Andy Ober, Bob Ruschle, Beth Brejle, Joyce Stabler

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Deering at 6:32 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF JANURARY 14, 2019 PUBLIC WORKS MEETING AGENDA

II. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS – Time limit of three minutes per individual.

1. Raeann Schatz of Schatz's garage asked if there was an update on the work that AMTRAK has been doing along the train tracks

i. Nissley responded that staff has not received an update. Staff has tried to get in contact with AMTRAK via email and have not received a response.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the December 10, 2018 meeting. – approved as submitted

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Borough Basin

1) Mr. Becker presented a plan to correct the Borough basin so that it will hold a 100-year storm. Mr. Becker explained changes to the basin walls, floor, orifice plate, and pipe connection on the northwest corner of the property. Mr. Becker continued by stating that it is unclear what will happen downstream when AMTRAK cleans the pipe under the tracks because the slope of the box culvert is unknown which can affect the flow downstream. Mr. Haigh provided ARRO a report of his findings with the borough basin. A motion was made and seconded to direct ARRO to expand the flow analysis of existing conditions south of the AMTRAK tracks to the Lakes retention pond. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Manheim Street swale

1) Salley reported that after the major rain events that took place last year, the swale that runs along Manheim Street has a significant wash out in it. In October, Public

Works staff tried to make an emergency fix to the swale to prevent the erosion to continue but a heavy rain event washed away the seeding and matting. Salley provided a final subdivision plan of the area and noted that this swale is in a stormwater easement which repairs are the property owner's responsibility. Salley stated that letters will be going to the property owners stating that these issues will need to be fixed. Public Works Committee asked if the letter could state that the due date for repairs could be set for June 31, 2020 to help those residents save money for these repairs.

C. Locust Lane stormwater pipes

- 1) Salley reported that stormwater pipes on Locust Lane are failing and will need replaced. The Committee was also provided a cost opinion of replacement of approximately 1,550 lineal feet of stormwater pipe. Salley added that staff is pursuing a low volume road grant for this project. Staff will need to record traffic counts on Locust Lane in order to be eligible for this type of grant funding.

2. Parks

A. Borough Park pavilion

- 1) Councilor Deering stated that the Kiwanis Club was unable to discuss the Borough Park pavilion because the meeting was canceled. Councilor Deering asked if it is possible to construct the concrete pad in the meantime. Nissley stated that a pavilion should be selected first because it could require a specific pad and support for the posts.

3. Facilities

A. Borough Office Generator

- 1) Nissley reported that Sulkosky and himself met with the salesman from Dynatech to discuss the Borough generator. Nissley stated the salesman was there to review options one of which was to evaluate the life of the existing generator. As well as to confirm the price for a generator for the existing building and then a price to add a second generator to power the building addition and a price for one generator to power the entire building with the new addition.

4. Compost Site

A. Permit by Rule amendment

- 1) Nissley stated that DEP has not responded to his emails to look at the current changes to the compost site. Staff will await DEP's response.

B. Intermunicipal Agreement with East Donegal Twp.

- 1) Nissley reported that staff met with East Donegal Twp. and discuss the intermunicipal agreement for the compost facility. Nissley stated because a signed copy has not been retrieved, an updated intermunicipal agreement will be presented to East Donegal Twp.'s board to be signed. Once the Borough received this then staff will bring that agreement to Council for authorization.

## 5. Streets and Alleys

### A. Sidewalk Ordinance discussion

- 1) Public Works Committee discussed about putting together a special public meeting to discuss sidewalks. Councilor Ginder made a motion for council to authorize staff to communicate to the Borough's engineer and the Borough's solicitor on criteria-based amendments and any other amendments to Chapter 232, Streets and Sidewalks, as it relates to the requirements to install curbs and sidewalks. Councilor Deering seconded. Councilor Ginder explained that this work document should come from both the residents and staff to be discussed in public. Councilman Millar stated that a document was already brought forth to the Committee and that the guests from Lancaster County Planning, Lancaster General Health, and the Coalition for Smart Growth had a different opinion about sidewalks. Mayor Bradley agreed that a document would be a great way to start but that a document was already produced. During the last meeting he asked the Committee to highlight the things that they agree on and list the items that they disagree on. Bradley stated that they were tasked to come up with a criteria-based system. Bradley added that he appreciates the advertisement, but people should do their due diligence to look and find out what is happening in Borough businesses and exercise their rights. These people have exercised their rights for the last few months. Bradley continued in saying that though he has heard that so many people want sidewalks everywhere, he has yet to see a citizen in this Borough at any meeting say that they would want sidewalks everywhere. Councilman Ginder stated that the documents are floating everywhere and that a solicitor is usually involved to discuss legal things with changes within an ordinance. Ginder continued stating that both the mayor's document and a document from staff input can be brought forth to the residents to comment and debate on at a public meeting. Councilman Millar stated that after last month's meeting with the guest speakers sharing their opinions on pro-sidewalks, it felt that everything that himself, the mayor, and the public was one sided and that staff and others wanted to share the other side of the argument. Now that we have

both views, let's put something together and let the public be involved in trying to get document together. There are some drafts floating around and now we'd like to get something finalized. Millar added that we are treading new waters and how to put this in a document so that everybody has there say. Nissley stated that he doesn't think that we are treading new waters and stating that numerous municipalities battle with this. This issue has been brought up before and there was a decision, not an official waiver, in the past to recommend staff to stop pursuing sidewalks on the south side of E Main St. Nissley then stepped down from the Public Works Director and spoke as a resident from the Borough. Nissley stated that he feels that every property aside those streets which we said should be changed in the ordinance, should have sidewalks. Himself and his wife like to walk all over town and now that is on the record. Nissley returned to be the Public Works Director and stated that in going with those changes that staff recommended, it would be easier for Public Works instead of deciding if, this street needs sidewalks, this street doesn't, plan. It would be easier if we treat everybody the same. Nissley stated that he doesn't think that you will have the people come in to a public meeting that are in favor of sidewalks until they are affected by it and that is why I think it needs to be publicly advertised meeting specially for sidewalks. Bradley stated that staff has had a particular perspective of what should be done. Public Works Committee was tasked to come up with a criteria-based system they did not say if a criteria-based system should or should not be implemented. Councilman Deering stated he thinks Councilor Ginder's motion has criteria-based information stated in there and we are just getting a draft document that can be worked and we still can have open discussions about. Councilor Deering opened the conversation to the public.

a) Larry Derr of 715 Terrace Ave

- i We didn't elect staff, we elected officials to be our voice. Staff has their opinions and we need an unbiased opinion and listen to what the mayor is saying, they're asking for a criteria-based ordinance. I don't believe that staff has a horse in this race, and I don't think that they should be a part of it. Staff works for Council who we elect, and you are the ones who make the rules and regulations and that is the way it needs to be. Mr. Derr agrees with the mayor and with all the criteria that has been laid out, let's talk about criteria and come up with some kind of agreement of what that criteria should be. The people that are

laying out the money for sidewalks and curbs are the ones who are affected. The criteria has to come from the people who are affected. I can come back to say that you have streets that do not have stormwater in and why aren't we attacking the stormwater streets? Every time we turnaround your taking the taxpayer and putting in more jeopardy to pay the bill. I think somebody has to put the brakes on and say these are the people who are paying for the bill to keep the lights on, paying staff and now we are adding more bills on them.

- b) Councilor Ginder stated that she will withdraw her motion if we take present ordinance that we have and attach Mayor Bradley's and Councilor Millar's criteria to it and call a meeting to discuss the criteria.
- c) Beth Brejle of 550 N Angle St
  - i It should be mentioned that if your neighbors don't have a sidewalk, they could be paying \$10,000 to \$20,000 for sidewalks and curbs. People need to understand the financial component. People should know who would be paying the bill for sidewalks.
- d) Councilor Ginder stated that the whole Borough needs to be involved and not one section of town
- e) After discussion the Committee agreed on a special meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. An advertisement will be included in the Merchandiser and the Borough website.

#### B. 2020 project planning/sidewalk letters

- 1) Nissley stated that in preparation of the 2020 paving projects, Pinkerton Road and micro-surfacing Arbor Rose development and portion of the Orchards development. Letters of notification will need to be sent out by the end of March to notify residents about curb and sidewalk installation and/or repairs. The Committee directed staff to send letters out to the residents.

#### C. Street Sweeping

- 1) Nissley stated that staff is looking into having East Petersburg Borough provide street sweeping services for the Borough. Street sweeping will start on the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 6. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Project

- A. Nissley stated that the right of way acquisition is in process and will continue. Nissley stated that Interstate Acquisition reported that they are on track to meet the deadline.

7. Jacob Street bridge removal

A. Sulkosky stated that PennDOT will be soliciting bids for the bridge removal in the next few months.

8. Rail Enhancements Project Phase II

A. Nissley reported that all updates to the rail enhancement project are uploaded to the Borough's website

V. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS – Time limit of three minutes per individual.

1. No citizen concerns

VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

VII. ADJOURN at 9:12 PM