



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2016
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Seidel, Councilor Millar, Councilor Ginder

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Seidel at 6:47 PM following a special meeting of Borough Council.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director; Scott Hershey, Borough Manager; Brian Brubaker, Parks Superintendent; Councilor Deering; Joseph Ziegler; John Geltmacher

I. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the December 14, 2015 meeting. Approved as submitted

III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Rain Barrel workshop

Nissley reported that Stormwater officer Ken Barto is making plans to hold a rain barrel workshop in May. Mount Joy Township, Rapho Township and East Donegal Township have all been invited to participate and have expressed interest.

B. Nissley reported that he and Ken Barto attended the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance meeting in January and the Alliance is looking for a water quality improvement project to support in the future. The Alliance will work to acquire grant funding for a project that is selected from those that are submitted. Nissley and Barto are gathering information to submit to the watershed Alliance as possible projects in the Borough that could be eligible.

2. Parks

A. Tennis court removal

Nissley reported that progress is being made by staff to remove the courts. The asphalt and stone will be removed by a contractor that offered to remove it at no cost to the Borough. Councilor Millar asked about costs to rebuild new courts, Brian Brubaker responded that previous estimates were approximately \$240,000.00 to rebuild four new courts.

B. The plans for the swale project at Grandview Park were reviewed and discussed.

3. Equipment/Facilities

A. Florin Station renovations

Nissley reported that the renovation work has begun

B. Florin Station roof estimate

An estimate was received for roof replacement: Rubber section-\$33,600; Shingle section-\$13,295. The Borough should budget to make these improvements in 3-4 years. The committee directed that this should be budgeted in capital starting in the 2017 budget.

- C. Mower purchase
Nissley reported that the process to purchase a new John Deere mower is under way. A resolution for trade in of the old mower and purchase of the new mower will be on the February Council meeting agenda
- D. Nissley reported that he has begun gathering information about street light conversion from PPL and others.

4. Streets and Alleys

A. Review 2016 street project plans

Bridge Boulevard

- 1) The Committee reviewed plans for the reconstruction of Bridge Boulevard.
- 2) The Committee accepted comments from the public. Mr. Ziegler and Mr. Geltmacher both expressed concern about the expense of the curb and sidewalks for individual property owners. They asked why there are not grants available for this project when some other projects can get grants. Hershey responded that the funding for Marietta Avenue would not apply for this project and there have been CDBG grants in the past, but the Borough no longer has eligible areas for CDBG. Mr. Ziegler expressed concern about the volume of truck traffic on Bridge Boulevard and said they drive on his grass a lot, so he has placed stakes in his front yard. He is concerned about the new curb being damaged if the trucks drive on the curb. There was discussion about having sidewalk on only one side. Hershey stated that if relief from the ordinance were to be granted, an action would need to come from Borough Council.

West Henry Street

- 3) The plans were reviewed and discussed and the Committee agreed to continue with the project as planned.
- 4) Josh Deering asked why the Borough is not requiring curbs and sidewalks on West Henry Street. The Committee felt that since it is used primarily as a service street, much like an alley, and since there are no property addresses on the street, therefore it is not necessary to install curbs and sidewalks.

- B. Nissley reported that Chris Metzler reported on the signalization project that all hurdles have been cleared at PennDOT and the project is expected to be let in July.

5. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian connection: No new information

6. Jacob Street bridge removal: No new information

7. Rail Enhancement Phase 2

- A. Hershey reported that the Church of God is in discussions with PennDOT about the purchase of the parking lot.

IV. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

- 1. Josh Deering inquired about when the Rail Enhancement project will be bid. Staff responded that it is planned for this year, but is pending any necessary agreements.
- 2. Josh Deering asked if there has been any pressure from Amtrak to remove the Jacob Street Bridge. Staff responded that there was pressure from the Public Utilities Commission.
- 3. Josh Deering asked whether it is even feasible to continue to discuss the installation of a pedestrian bridge at the time of the Jacob Street bridge removal. Hershey advised that the Borough's Master Plan does include a future trail system. If Borough Council directs the Planning Commission to begin looking at the future trail system throughout the Borough. That planning could lead to the completion of a trail that would lead up to the need for a bridge at Jacob Street to complete the trail system.

4. Josh Deering asked if any new traffic lights on Main Street in the future could be integrated into the proposed new timed system.
5. Josh Deering asked if a proposal to install sidewalks on only one side of Bridge Boulevard must come from the residents or can Borough Council discuss relief from the ordinance without a resident request. The Committee decided that at the February Borough Council meeting, Public Works Committee will call for a discussion and possible motion to allow for sidewalks to be installed on one side of Bridge Boulevard if the property owners can supply an agreement for installation and maintenance of the sidewalk that is satisfactory to the Borough and to all property owners on Bridge Boulevard.
6. Josh Deering asked if any action has been taken concerning construction traffic from Florin Hill subdivision using Borough streets. Hershey reported that staff is working with the solicitor about the proper actions.

V. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE None

VI. ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM