



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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering, Councilor Millar

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky, Parks Superintendent Brian Brubaker, Mayor Bradley

OTHERS PRESENT: Raeann Schatz, Ken Ober, Andy Ober, Terry Zeller, Bruce Haigh, Joe McFarland, Bob Ruschke, David Fretz, Rodney Wilbert, Larry Shelley, Mary Fretz, Jeff Cassel, Tina Feathers

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Deering at 6:30 PM.

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

1. Councilor Deering asked that two items be added: Item 1.D. Borough basin, and Item 2.C. Cyclone football team request for use of Lakes field. A correction was also made to Item 3.D.2) change 323-62 to 232-62. After a motion from Millar and a second from Deering the agenda was approved with these additions and corrections.

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

1. Terry Zeller 224 Pinkerton Rd. asked where he could find a list of non-exempt roads in the borough.
2. Raeann Schatz asked what is happening with the survey of Melhorn basin. Has anything been done to clean the drainage area at Melhorn basin? Sulkosky replied that the area is private property and the owner has been notified by the stormwater officer that it needs to be cleaned. Schatz asked about the NPDES permit application, and why is it being done as a restoration project and not a repair or rebuild.
3. Bruce Haigh WHEI, Haigh referred to and discussed material he handed out. Haigh discussed the NOI for the permit application.
4. Brian Brubaker 214 Frederick St. asked whether we gotten other references about ARRO's abilities?
5. Jeff Cassel stated that engineers have been wrong, a third party needs to be involved to check the basin.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the September 16, 2019 meeting, Motion by Millar second by Deering to approve the minutes.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Bruce Ave. to Terrace Ave. stormwater

- 1) Nissley discussed the proposed idea to install an inlet and pipe from Bruce Ave to Terrace Ave to reduce the surface water flow. Nissley suggested that a survey would need to be done and have a system designed. Nissley reported that he had met with the 4 residents involved and all are in favor of moving forward after being informed that a permanent stormwater easement would be attached to their deed. Joe McFarland, 825 Terrace Ave. discussed some work they have done to try to remedy the situation with landscaping. Mayor Bradley asked how often they get flooded. Deering asked about the source of the water, Nissley responded that it flows to the low point on the street, and some of the water does come from the church parking lot. The Committee spent some time reviewing the proposed plan and the time frame till Bruce Ave is scheduled to be paved. Nissley explained that if a stormwater system is installed at some point on the entire street, it will be an extensive project. Mayor Bradley suggested that all of the water going across the properties now end up in the stormwater system. Nissley responded that some portion of the water on the surface is infiltrating. The Committee made a motion by Deering and second by Millar to move this to Council to authorize ARRO to survey and develop an estimate around the Bruce Ave stormwater runoff issue. Sulkosky suggested that the motion should be broader to allow staff to do other things that may need to be done. Deering responded that the cost should be known before other work is done.

B. H2O Grant

- 1) Nissley reported that staff is looking at applying for funding for “Mount Joy Borough Stormwater Replacement Project” Nissley listed some possible pipe projects. Mayor Bradley asked if the Authority will be applying funds for this grant. Deering asked if the grant is retroactive. Bradley suggested that the borough and authority could apply together. Motion by Deering and second by Millar to move the resolution to Council.

C. Request for downspout disconnect waiver at 123 David Street

- 1) A waiver request from David and Mary Fretz 123 David St. was discussed. Mr Fretz provided pictures and a map to the Committee. Mr Fretz reported that all the houses on David St. run their rainwater onto the street. And expressed concern about putting water on his lawn that could affect his neighbor. Fretz explained where the downspouts from his house are discharged. Deering asked if the option of discharging on the lawn exists. Rodney Wilbert, 119 David St. reported that he has had problems with water getting into his basement. Nissley suggested a rain barrel could be installed to collect some of the water to be used on the gardens. Nissley reinforced the reasons for trying to lessen

the amount of water that is directed to the street. Motion by Millar, second by Deering to move this to Council to grant a waiver from the downspout ordinance.

D. Borough Basin Discussion

- 1) Deering referred to a discussion from Council about having a third-party engineer look at the borough basin. Millar would like to have the basin plan reviewed for peace of mind. Mayor asked what are the critical areas of disagreement? And suggested asking another engineer to consult. The Committee discussed the extent of the survey of the Melhorn basin. The Mayor suggested that a review would be a method of quality control. The Committee will present to Council a recommendation to have a third-party engineering firm look at the plans. Deering asked Sulkosky to check with ARRO to confirm that they did conduct the survey according to the motion at the July Council meeting. Deering will get a list of concerns from Haigh and forward them to the Committee and staff.

2. Parks

A. MJAA Batting Cage

- 1) Nissley presented design of a proposed batting cage and a map showing the layout of items being added to the old tennis court area. Deering asked when installation would happen. Millar asked if this would interfere with the pavilion. Deering expressed some concern from residents that the batting cage would eliminate area where kids like to play. Millar asked why the cage isn't being built where the existing one is. The Committee asked to have MJAA explain at the November Public Works meeting why they want to install the cage at this location.

B. Tree Planting at Little Chiques Park

- 1) Nissley reported that on October 9, 8 students from Janus School and Penn State A&E Center planted 68 trees along the wildflower meadow at Little Chiques Park.

C. Request from Cyclones football team to use Lakes Park field

- 1) Deering said the Cyclone football team has asked to use the field for practice on Saturday's from 9 am to 1 pm. From October 19 till the third Saturday in March. Deering stated that the football team gave up their first right of refusal when they stopped using the field, and the youth soccer program was given priority to the field, and if the football team was to use the field hard all winter, would it be ready for use by the soccer program in the spring. Deering said the team would do repairs and Nissley suggested that the grass would not have time to recover prior to the soccer season. Mayor Bradley stated that practice tends to be harder on the turf than games and does not think it is a good idea to allow the team to practice there all winter. Millar agreed

but asked if the Cyclones would repair any damage. Brian Brubaker reported that the Youth Soccer would like to use the field in 2020 and would not recommend allowing the football practices due to damage to the field. Deering stated if the soccer teams want to use the field it would be best if the football team did not. The Committee denied the request for the Cyclones to use the field at Lakes Park.

3. Streets and Alleys

A. ARLE Grant update

- 1) No new information, awaiting executed agreement and a date for a kick-off meeting

B. PennDOT Connects – TIP planning

- 1) Nissley explained that PennDOT is considering paving SR772 from Manheim borough to Main St. in Mount Joy and including this on the 2021 TIP. Through PennDOT Connects they would like to receive concerns or input from the borough at a meeting with staff, to be scheduled in the future.

C. Miovision SmartSense Detection

- 1) Nissley reported that PennDOT inquired if they could install a test camera at Manheim and Main Streets. Mayor Bradley asked about the intended use of the cameras and suggested that PennDOT should articulate in a letter the purpose of this camera. The Committee decided to move this request to Council along with an explanation from PennDOT.

D. Sidewalk Ordinance amendments

- 1) 232-60(A)(7)(9) - Grass Strip
 - a) The mayor suggested adding (6) to the conversation. Suggests referencing (9) uniformity when there is a question when adding sidewalks. Reference (9) in (6). Item (7) the Committee referenced a document that was prepared by Stacie Gibbs pertaining to grass strip allowances. Item (9) the committee discussed widths and uniformity of grass strip and the height of vegetation in the strip which could have grass, mulch or decorative stone. Deering will send draft changes to Sulkosky. Motion by Millar, second by Deering to forward recommendations to Council.
- 2) 232-62 – Variances
 - a) The Committee discussed adding language to allow staff or property owners to suggest variances or propose plans that are different than the ordinance. Motion by Millar and second by Deering to move this to Council. Deering will send update to Sulkosky.

E. Street Planning discussion: Tabled until all amendments are passed at Council.

4. Compost Site

A. Mount Joy Twp. Agreement

- 1) Sulkosky reported that Mount Joy Twp has asked the Borough if we would accept their yard waste and woody waste and an agreement was presented. The Committee discussed the agreement. It was suggested that the Authority should review the agreement because this is on Authority property. Committee discussed that the fee needs to cover any additional costs. Motion by Millar and second by Deering to move the agreement to Council if the Authority is notified and the costs will be covered under the agreement. The Mayor suggested that the public compost site hours be reviewed, possibly move the Friday hours to Monday.

5. MSMJ Tree Replacement Plan

- A. Nissley reviewed the plan by MSMJ to replace some of the trees. The Committee expressed concern about trees that would grow into wires or obstruct business signs. Deering asked that tree height would be considered, and business owners should be consulted. Committee suggested that MSMJ should discuss tree placement with the fire chief because of ladder truck access. Committee asked that specs for the suggested trees be provided and this will be on the November PW meeting agenda.

6. Budget

- A. Nissley presented a proposed budget for review. Sulkosky noted that budget meetings will be on November 7, 14, and 19

7. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Project

- A. No updates, utility relocation in progress

8. Rail Enhancements Project Phase II

- A. Ribbon cutting Monday October 21 at 10 AM

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

1. Jeff Cassel asked about the road width of Pinkerton Rd at Marietta Ave. and made numerous suggestions about design.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

1. Sulkosky reminded everyone that the November 4 Council meeting begins at 6:00 PM.
2. Deering asked about the 902 grant. Nissley responded there is no answer at this time.
3. Deering brought up ARRO review and renewal and stated that the Committee was asked to discuss any comments about ARRO for reappointment. Deering suggested that the borough could have two engineering firms, one for design and one for review. Sulkosky stated that it seems very unlikely that two firms would agree to do that. Deering expressed that he feels ARRO is spread too thin and tends to rubber stamp plans. Millar stated that he feels evaluations are good and another engineering firm should check the numbers for the borough basin.

VII. ADJOURN 10:05 PM