



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Ginder, Councilor Ruschke, Councilor Haigh

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Dennis Nissley Parks Superintendent Barry Geltmacher, Codes and Zoning Officer Duane Brady, Public Works Crew Leader Jake Houck

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Deering, Raeann Schatz

I. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA -

Approved

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

1. Josh Deering commented about traffic light delays at Lefever Road and W. Main Street and Angle Street and asked of the timing could be looked at.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the October 9, 2023, meeting - Approved

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Streets and Alley

- A. Discuss possible changes to curb and sidewalk ordinances, policies, and inspections. – The Committee discussed the need for clear guidance for Public Works staff to do inspections. Haigh suggested looking at his previous proposal. The Committee will review for the December Public Works meeting.
- B. Discuss downspout ordinance 232.59.E – The Committee recommendation is: When a downspout is disturbed or altered. The rainwater should be infiltrated if possible, if there is no available place for infiltration, it can be piped under the sidewalk by acquiring a waiver from Council. Rainwater is not to be directed over the sidewalk.
- C. Update on resident concern about handicap ramps in Lakes development. – Nissley presented a letter from the Solicitor stating the HOA is responsible. Haigh questioned if ramps are considered part of the “controlled facilities” as referenced in the letter. The Committee asked to have the Manager ask the Solicitor for clarification on this.
- D. Wood Street project update – Nissley reported that a walkthrough inspection is scheduled with the contractor. Haigh asked who will be sealing the ADA concrete. Haigh made a motion seconded by Ruschke to ask Borough Council to write a letter to the Attorney General regarding DB Utilities and report their unsatisfactory performance and threatening of the property owner at 720 Wood St with a lien. Motion passed.
- E. Bradys Alley project – Nothing new to report
- F. 5-year Street and Alley Plan
 - 1) 2024 Plan - Nissley suggested that until the budget is finalized it is difficult to plan for street repairs. Nissley asked the Committee for their input on the cost to do surveys and

design plans for all ADA ramps. The consensus was that surveys are not necessary for ADA ramps on existing streets.

- a) Charter Lane Contract – Haigh presented on whether we utilize PennDOT Pub 408, sections 100 - 112 or the Engineering Joint Committee and Contract Documents for general conditions in bidding documents. Haigh asked that staff would confirm with the Solicitor whether we can enforce a contract written with the 408 documents.

2) 2025 – 2028 Planning

G. Cresco Lab sinkhole – Nothing new to report

H. Discussion about ownership of Ship Monument area. - Brady reported that staff searched and cannot find any documentation regarding ownership short of doing a survey.

2. Stormwater

- A. Stormwater Report – Brady reported on activities, planning to have information at borough events. There was an accident recently which was cleaned up by the fire department. Brady completed training as a Qualified Stormwater Professional, Public Works staff will be attending MS4 training which is sponsored by East Donegal Township. Haigh asked about spill kits, Brady reported on what is in each of the kits in borough vehicles and other items in stock to stop or contain a spill until other assistance is brought in if needed.
- B. Old Market Street/Manheim Street Drainage Swale – Nissley reported the estimated cost of materials is approximately \$8500.00. Estimated labor and equipment costs would be approximately \$20,000.00. The Committee asked staff to compile this information in a report for Council.
- C. Ordinances changes – Brady reviewed a document he provided which would move some items to the Property Maintenance code so that the Quick Ticket process could be used for enforcement. These items would be snow removal from sidewalks and trimming trees and shrubs at the Right of Way. This material will be presented to Administration and Finance Committee. Haigh asked about sight triangle and how that is enforced and what if someone parks in that area. Brady suggested this is a PD concern and will pass this question on to Chief Goshen.

3. Parks

- A. Parks Study Group – Nissley reported the Group is meeting monthly.

4. Budget – Nissley reported that staff is looking at the amount budgeted for ADA ramps.

5. Grants update

- A. DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Little Chiques Park Master Site Development Plan (MSDP)
- B. Streambank Project- awaiting grant award notices
- C. Flood Mitigation Grant for Borough basin modifications – Nissley reported a meeting with LCCD and the NOT will not be finalized until more grass can be established.
- D. DCED MTF grant for pedestrian safety – Meeting with contractor is scheduled for work to begin and foundations to be installed by mid-December
- E. DCED Heritage grant – nothing new to report
- F. Reserves HOA – Clean Water Implementation, Small Grant – Nissley reported that this work has been completed.
- G. ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant – awaiting award notice.
- H. Connects 2040 grant – awaiting award notice

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Josh Deering asked about the Public Works Concerns on the website. EV charging stations and are they being considered in any locations in the borough. A yellow center line should be considered on N. Barbara Street at the curve near Manheim Street. The Committee suggested this should go to Public Safety Committee. Deering suggested we should only look at sidewalk upgrades only when a street project is planned or to respond to a complaint.

VI ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Haigh asked who reviewed the NOI for the new borough complex.

Haigh reported that Rapho Township planning commission is meeting regarding Chiques Crossings. He feels there are many deficiencies in the proposal.

Haigh expressed his concern about using reserve funds to balance the budget.

Ginder gave recognition to whoever is putting the decorative lights at Gateway Park

Ginder suggested the Donegal Softball sign at Gateway Park could be removed or given back to the school.

VII ADJOURN: 7:55 PM