



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2016
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Seidel, Councilor Millar, Councilor Ginder

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

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

HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

1. Kim Brewer reported that the business owners on Main Street were pleased with the snow removal process. Brewer was supportive of the additional removal area to Chestnut Street. There was discussion about whether more streets should be included when removing snow. Brewer reviewed the Main Street Mount Joy Project area which is different than the Downtown District. Manager Hershey reminded the committee that enlarging the downtown district to match the project area would mean incurring more costs and responsibilities for the Borough.
2. John Geltmacher, 327 Bridge Blvd. inquired about when the sidewalk work on Bridge Blvd would need to be completed. Nissley responded that the scheduled time for that work would most likely be in August.
3. Joe Ziegler, 337 Bridge Blvd. asked about grant possibilities, Nissley responded that staff had inquired with Representative Hickernell's office and Senator Aument's office and the County, and there were no grants available. Mr. Ziegler asked if there would be parking along Bridge Blvd. Nissley responded that there really won't be room for parking with the truck traffic, but Council may need to address that if there are problems. Mr Ziegler asked about the placement of the street in the Right of Way. Nissley responded that the street placement was determined so that the storm water facilities on the southeast side of the street did not need to be reconstructed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the January 11, 2016 meeting. Approved as submitted

III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Rain Barrel workshop

Nissley reminded the committee that a rain barrel workshop will be held on May 7, 2016 at Little Chiques Park.

B. Update on Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance projects

Nissley reported that the two areas that staff was proposing for the installation of a forebay, will not work well because of conflicts with available space and Borough Authority sewer lines in the area. Staff is now looking at the possibility of dredging legacy sediment from the creek at Little Chiques Park.

2. Parks

A. Grandview Park Swale Improvement Project

Staff and the Borough Solicitor have been reviewing the plans. The schedule is to advertise in March, open bids in April, to award the bid at the May Council meeting and Construction will be complete in Mid July.

B. Mount Joy Cyclones request for field use

The Mount Joy Cyclones are requesting the use of the field at Lakes Park for 5 games from April 9 to May 21. The Committee agreed to recommend that Council approve the request for the Cyclones to use the field.

3. Equipment/Facilities

A. Florin Station renovations

Work is progressing on the renovations. Nissley reported that an advertisement was placed in the Merchandiser for two weeks in January for the available rental space. Only one call came in and they never replied for more information. The Committee suggested that the rental space be advertised on the Borough website. Nissley also suggested that if no one offers to rent the space, a portion of it could be used for document storage for Borough records that are currently being housed in the basement of the old house portion of the Borough office. Due to moisture in the basement, some of the items are beginning to deteriorate.

B. Florin Station Deed

Upon receiving an affirmative response from the FDMJ board about transferring title for Florin Station back to the Borough, Council can authorize the Solicitor to prepare a quit claim deed which would then need to be signed by the FDMJ president.

C. Draft resolution for mower trade-in

The goal is to have the resolution on the March 7, Council agenda so Council can consider action to approve the trade-in and the lease agreement for the purchase of the new mower.

4. Streets and Alleys

A. Review 2016 street project plans

Bridge Boulevard

- 1) The Committee agreed that they will allow the property owners on Bridge Boulevard until the end of February to propose an agreement from all of the property owners that would address the installation cost and ongoing maintenance of sidewalks on only one side of Bridge Boulevard.

B. Nissley reported that the Bridge Boulevard and West Henry Street projects are proposed to be bid on the same bid package.

C. Downtown Main Street snow removal policy review

The Committee will propose to Council that the Council President and Vice President would have the authority to make the decision to remove snow from Main Street additional times in a winter season if the need would arise.

5. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian connection:

A. Nissley reported that letters were sent out to the property owners to inform them that the Borough will need to acquire Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easements for some of the properties. The TIP funding approval is expected to be finalized in June 2016.

6. Jacob Street bridge removal:

A. Nissley reported that the project is listed on the draft TIP for funding in 2017-2018. Borough staff is working to get an agreement to have AMTRAK review the removal plans.

7. Rail Enhancement Phase 2

A. Nissley reported that staff received information from Century Link that they will be replacing utility poles along Henry Street in preparation for the Rail Enhancements project. PPL will be attaching to the Century Link poles and removing their existing poles.

- B. Councilor Seidel asked if the Borough should be doing anything about pay to park at the train station. Manager Hershey reported that PennDOT is still in negotiations with the Church of God about purchasing the parking lot and if PennDOT owns the lot it would be their call to propose pay for parking.

IV. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

1. Kim Brewer reported that some business owners on Main Street asked if there were other snow blowers available and whether the removal could have been completed sooner.
2. Councilor Youngerman suggested that the Committee may want to review the terminology on the proposed recommendation for the snow removal policy to give certain individuals the authority to use funds for additional snow removal operations.
3. Councilor Youngerman stated that the purpose of the downtown snow removal policy was to clear parking spaces and help the downtown businesses.
4. Councilor Youngerman expressed concern about the train station parking lot being taken over by PennDOT.
5. Councilor Deering inquired about the schedule for the signalization project, Nissley reported that the project is to be bid in July.
6. Councilor Deering asked about a previous discussion about reservations and rental for all pavilions in all of the Borough parks. After discussion, the Committee decided that the pavilion at Borough Park at Kids Joy Land will be made available for reservation the same as those at Little Chiques Park.

V. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE None

VI. ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM