



**Borough of Mount Joy**  
**Public Works Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2016**  
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Seidel, Councilor Millar, Councilor Ginder

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Seidel at 6:31 PM

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director; Scott Hershey, Borough Manager; Brian Brubaker, Parks Superintendent; Councilor Deering, Councilor Youngerman, Bruce Haigh

HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the February 8, 2016 meeting. Approved as submitted

II. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Little Chiques Creek cleanup

Nissley reported that staff had been considering dredging Little Chiques Creek around the park area. Both ARRO consulting and Flyway Excavating have recommended that the sediment does not need to be removed and the creek should be allowed to establish its own path. There are several downed trees and a dumpster in the creek that should be removed. Flyway estimated \$5000 to remove these items. There is a possibility that the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance could help to secure funding for this project.

2. Parks

A. Grandview Park Swale Improvement Project

Bids for this project were publicly opened on March 8, 2016. There were 3 bids submitted, the lowest was from Eagle Contracting. The low bid was \$11,114 higher than what was budgeted. Staff is recommending rebidding the project for completion later in the year. A motion was made and seconded to recommend that Borough Council refuse all bids and rebid the project.

B. Borough Park Tennis court site

Nissley reported that grading is completed and that Public Works and Parks staff is working on final preparation for seeding. Minimal repairs to the asphalt walkway and concession stand area will need to be completed when weather permits. Nissley also reported that MJAA has proposed to build two new batting cages and practice pitching areas on the lower court area.

3. Equipment/Facilities

A. Florin Station renovations

Nissley reported that renovations are complete and despite some unexpected costs for electrical work, the work was completed within \$100.00 of the budgeted amount of \$20,000.00

B. Florin Station rental space

An advertisement for the space has been on the scrolling banner on the Borough web site for about a month.

Nissley reported that only one call was received about the rental space and it was not for a long term lease. Nissley asked the Committee for direction on what to do with the space. Councilor Seidel said that the Public Works department should use the space as it best benefits the department and the Borough.

C. Mower and Loader purchase update

Nissley reported that staff is currently working with FNB Leasing to finalize lease agreements for the John Deere mower purchase and the John Deere loader purchase. Both resolutions will be on the April agenda for Borough Council for final approval.

4. Streets and Alleys

A. Review 2016 street projects

Final drawings and plans for Bridge Boulevard and West Henry Street are expected this week. The plans will then be reviewed by staff and the Borough Solicitor. A certified, return receipt letter will be mailed to the property owners on Bridge Boulevard as soon as the dates for sidewalk work have been finalized. The Public Works Committee agreed to move forward with both projects after staff and the Borough Solicitor have approved the plans.

B. Downtown Main Street snow removal policy review

Previously the Committee recommended that the Borough Council President and Vice President should be approved to decide when additional snow removal should happen on Main Street. Currently both the President and VP sit on the same committee. This would constitute a quorum. The Committee is recommending that Borough Council should revise the Snow Removal Policy to state that the Borough Council Chair and the Public Works Committee Chair should be authorized to approve one additional snow removal per season if necessary.

C. Arbor Rose Community Association letter

The Committee discussed the letter that was received from Arbor Rose Community Association. Nissley reported that crosswalks and painted curbs are not a requirement and that the vehicle code addresses parking restrictions within 25 feet of the curb line of an intersecting street. The Committee decided not to paint crosswalks or curbs at the intersection of Florin Avenue and School Lane. The Public Safety Committee has discussed a traffic study. The Committee would support a four way stop if a traffic study warrants that. Public comment was opened during this discussion. Bruce Haigh presented his concerns about this intersection because it is a bus stop and it is unsafe because people park too close to the intersection to drop off their children. Councilor Youngerman reported that he lives in this neighborhood and his child uses this bus stop and he sees no need for more stop signs and he has not seen or heard of any problems with this intersection. Councilor Deering reported that Public Safety is looking into this and is planning to do a traffic study. Deering said that he is expecting that if stop signs are added this should fix the problem and that people should not be using these streets as a cut through.

D. Florin Hill Construction entrance signs

Nissley reported that signs were installed by Charter Homes to direct construction traffic onto North Melhorn Drive and away from North Plum Street and Church Street and Water Street. The Committee suggested that staff continue to monitor the use of these streets for construction traffic. Public comment was opened during this time. Charles Shuey asked why construction traffic on North Plum Street was a concern unless the Borough is planning to reconstruct the street in the near future. Mr. Shuey reported that there are only two properties remaining to be constructed in phase 2. Mr. Shuey asked how the streets are

evaluated. He feels that North Plum Street is one of the worst streets in the Borough. Nissley reported that streets are evaluated due to the overall need for repairs and then scheduled for reconstruction or repair according to that evaluation and in conjunction with the Borough Authority plans to install water or sewer lines. Mr. Shuey asked when Florin Hill streets will receive final paving. Manager Hershey explained the process for dedication that has previously been presented and discussed at numerous Borough Council meetings.

5. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian connection: Nothing new to report
6. Jacob Street bridge removal: Nothing new to report
7. Rail Enhancement Phase 2: Nothing new to report

### III. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

1. Councilor Deering expressed his appreciation for the signs that were installed relative to the Florin Hill Construction traffic.
2. Councilor Deering asked if Main Street Mount Joy had been informed that there is rental space available. Nissley reported that they had not been notified but he would notify them.
3. Councilor Seidel offered free advertising for the rental space on the digital sign at Wissler Motors.
4. Councilor Ginder asked Councilor Deering if anyone from the Cyclones had notified the Lakes homeowners association about the Cyclones game schedule. Councilor Deering said he would notify the Lakes HOA.

### IV. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

1. Nissley reported that a request was submitted to Public Safety Committee from the Mount Joy Memorial Day Parade committee for the closure of Main Street for the parade on May 28, 2016. This will be an action item at the April 4, 2016 Borough Council meeting.

### V. ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM