



**Borough of Mount Joy**  
**Public Works Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2018**  
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Ginder, Councilor Deering, Councilor Millar

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager Samuel Sulkosky, Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Stormwater Officer David Salley, Parks Superintendent Brian Brubaker, Philip Colvin, John R. Lutz, Barry Leber, Councilor Brian Youngerman, Rick Hamm, Peg Hamm, Andy Ober, Ken Ober, Jennifer Watson, Deb Bard, Councilor Charles Glessner, Glen Morrison, Denise Morrison, Bruce Haigh, Sherry Torres, Nick, Finicle, Mike George, Suzette McCarty, Howard McCarty, Bob Ruschke, Beth Brejle, Deb Solem, Deb Gepfer, Joyce Stabler, Bob Kline, Corinne Kline, Casey Kraus, Elaine Kraus, Cindy Wolfe, Mike Wolfe, Billie Jo Huber, Dale Murray, Mayor Bradley

I. APPROVAL OF MAY 14, 2018 PUBLIC WORKS MEETING AGENDA The agenda was approved with one change. Item 4.C. will be moved to Item 10 on the agenda.

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

1. Deering asked that those that have comments about the curbs and sidewalks hold them till Item 10, so the rest of the agenda can be addressed before that topic.
2. Mayor Bradley asked if he can speak as a member of the fire department when Item 1. A. is discussed

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the April 9, 2018 meeting.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water Salley reported that notices to proceed have been sent out for the two stormwater projects. The water shed expo is on June 6 at the Manheim Farm Show. ARRO is reviewing annual MS4 report prior to submitting to DEP
  - A. FDMJ downspout waiver request - Barry Leber from FDMJ asked that a waiver be granted that nothing need to be done to disconnect the downspouts from the stormwater system. Nissley reminded the Committee that ARRO advised that the rainwater shall be directed into a manhole with a sump and snout if it can not be infiltrated on the property. Mayor Bradley suggested that PennDOT does not need to follow constraints and asked borough staff could help construct the project. Councilor Millar asked why do we need to change it? What is the cost? Per FDMJ \$5000 to \$7000. Deering asked if the borough can help to pay for some of the costs. Nissley responded that this is not budgeted for. Discussed other properties that have redirected downspouts onto their own properties. Millar asked about screen traps on the roof at the drains. Salley discussed the need to clean stormwater pipes when debris is added to the system. Deering asked about the cost of construction for the New Haven Street project, and could any extra money be used to help defray the cost of the manhole w/snout BMP. Millar made a motion to waive the stormwater snout and manhole

and let the pipe as it is. Motion died for lack of second. Ginder moved to approve a manhole with snout and use funds left over from the New Haven Street project to be applied to the cost that FDMJ would incur. Motion amended to have Public Works pay 50% of the cost of the bmp estimated at \$5000-\$7000.

## 2. Parks

- A. Gateway Park – Nissley reported on upgrades to sign, adding electrical service and new lighting, Parks will remove existing light structure.
- B. Old Standby Park – Deering reported on Kiwanis Club park cleanup day. He reported on the challenge of not having water and electric available. The Committee asked staff to get prices for installation of water and electric.
- C. Nissley reported that Crossroads Church youth did clean up and mulching work at Memorial Park

## 3. Equipment

- A. Banner update – Nissley reported that the cable system that has been used to suspend the banners over Main Street has not worked well and staff has a concern about safety. Staff is looking at using rope to suspend the banners on the poles and will have a new system in place in time for the next banner on June 1, 2018.

## 4. Streets and Alleys – Nissley reported that the TIP is open for public review and comment on Thursday May 17, at County building

- A. Review current and future street projects – 2018 projects on track and moving forward. Nissley updated
- B. Discussion about Revitalization Area street trees – The Committee discussed possible changes to the ordinance 232-64. Committee decided to leave the ordinance as it is.
- C. Vacation of alley south of New Street – Gibbs informed the Committee about the alley vacation.
- D. Review No Parking on South Plumb Street – Mayor Bradley suggested that since Public Safety Committee is reviewing this item, that any information should be forwarded to Chief Williams.
- E. Discussion about weight limit on New Haven Street – Nissley reported that a traffic study would need to be conducted to establish a weight limit. Mayor Bradley reported that Councilor Smeltz is in conversation with PennDOT about how SR 772 is directed through the Borough. Deering suggested that an alternative route needs to be provided for 772. Ginder suggested that the Committee should wait on a response from Smeltz.

## 5. Main Street flower planters – Deering made the Committee aware that Public Works Department has been asked to water the planters one time per week. Ginder asked if staff has time to do this. Nissley reported that someone will be pulled each week to do this. Nissley asked Main Street Mount Joy if they had tried to have business adopt a planter.

- 6. Compost Site – Nissley reported that there is mulch available and still plenty of new raw material coming in. Operating with a limited amount of space.
- 7. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Project – Nissley reported that ROW and TCE acquisition is in progress. To be bid and constructed in 2019.
- 8. Jacob Street bridge removal – Borough is waiting for a reimbursement agreement from PennDOT.
- 9. Rail Enhancements Project Phase II – Borough website has the latest report and updates relating to construction.

10. Discussion about Paving Policy and Curb and Sidewalk Requirements – Meeting opened for public comment about curb and sidewalk requirements. Dale Murray 120 Farmington – Asking Council to take a look at ordinances referring to curbs and sidewalks, 232-58 & 232-63 about installation and repair or replacement. Suggests a needs analysis. Bruce Haigh 504 Rose Petal Lane – referenced FHWA document he sent to staff. Consider vehicle counts, safe and accessible streets, ADA requires pedestrian corridor, not necessarily a sidewalk, reassess hierarchy. Nick Finicle – 116 New Haven St. – Encouraged by voice of reason, concerns and questions about why his ramp needed to be changed. Letter of the law vs. color of the law. The borough should take on cost. Are there federal grants available? Suzette McCarty 121 New Haven St. – third time they had to do sidewalk in preparation of paving on New Haven St. Contractor could not get clarification. Trees from previous project causing damage to sidewalks. Downspout has been disconnected. Glenn Morrison – 455 North Angle St. – Recognized the rain garden, questioned the impervious surface of the whole street. Beth Brejle – 555 N. Angle St.- Asking Council to change ordinance to match state code, from “shall install” to “may install”. What is it that has borough wanting to install sidewalks everywhere? Asking why property owners are asked to pay for unexpected mandates. Sam Sulkosky – Polled 18 boroughs in Lancaster County, New Holland, Denver, Quarryville, have responded that they have the same trigger (sidewalks need to be installed when a street is paved) that Mount Joy has. Beth Brejle refers to cap on cost to property owner and suggested that the borough doesn’t know what the cost is. Rick Hamm 755 Terrace Ave. – Borough limit is the edge of the earth according to the borough. \$250,000 sidewalk to the edge of the earth, how many walkers, wheelchairs, bicycles go to the edge of the earth. How much will each walker cost? Is that a good use of our money? Mike George 120 New Haven St.- Difficult to get specifications, Mr. Finicle voiced concerns about not being able to get answers about specs. Mayor Bradley asked where the information breakdown was happening. Mrs. McCarty spoke about difficulty for contractor to get answers. Nissley explained why Mr. Finicle’s corner needed to be replaced and why the ramps across the street were done differently. Mayor Bradley suggested that contractors should be better informed. Deb Bard 620 Water St.- What will this cost? Nissley reported lineal foot prices have been obtained from a local contractor, \$12/LF for sidewalk, \$55/LF for curbing. Sulkosky did rough calculation of an average price. Ms. Bard concerned about their financial well-being. Beth Brejle questioned the numbers quoted. Mr. Sulkosky said this is an average price. Ms. Brejle is stunned that the borough has not checked on the cost before. Jennifer Watson 620 Bernhard Ave. – Just because other places do it, it doesn’t make it right. Recited the definition of a tax. This is a sidewalk tax, this should not be levied without due process of law. Should be voted on by residents of Mount Joy. Not opposed to sidewalk but should be paid for by taxpayers. Joyce Stabler 720 Terrace Ave. – Concerned about the street being cut into after it is reconstructed. Sulkosky explained the moratorium on streets. Billie Jo Huber 720 Bernhard Ave. – No through traffic, kids used to play on street, no need for sidewalk, coming with emotional plea. Casey Kraus 719 Bernhard Ave. – questioning whether traffic studies were done, and what were the results. What criteria is used to determine which streets should be reconstructed? Will every street be a complete street? Referred to FHWA guidance. This does not pertain to Florin area. Bruce Haigh – Curbs and sidewalks serve two different purposes, curb to direct stormwater, should that not be covered under borough funds/liquid fuels? Road maintenance include curbs. Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owners. Bob Rushke 555 N. Angle St – liquid fuels cannot be used for curbs and sidewalks only ADA ramps. Lancaster complete streets include 7 zones. Consider flexibility and common sense when determining where sidewalks are needed. Rick Hamm – who would use that sidewalk going up Angle St. what is cost per foot for those few people that might go up there? Suzette McCarty – Appreciate all that borough does, concerning the weight limit on New Haven St. discussion, the trucks shake the house. Mayor Bradley spoke about all the factors involved with the weight limit. Howard McCarty 121 New Haven St. – questioned coordination of work between Borough Authority, UGI, and concrete contractors. Mr. Finicle asked what happens next? Mayor Bradley commented on the question that has several aspects, related to contractors and ordinances. Margaret Hamm 755 Terrace Ave. – asked about whether there are standard widths.

Nissley explained that plans are in progress and widths will be as consistent as possible. A survey has been done to determine the placement of the sidewalks. There is an attempt to align the new curbs and sidewalks. Existing sidewalks are not safe because they go up and down at driveways. Nissley explained that there are many sidewalks in the borough that are not compliant and when they are compliant, they will not go up and down to meet driveways, they will have gradual slopes. Sherry Torres 404 N. Angle St. – asked about why the sidewalks on Hill St. have the ups and downs at driveways. Nissley explained that they may have been done prior to the current ADA specifications. Nissley explained that staff is following ordinances. Stacie Gibbs reported that we do not have a complete streets policy, and that staff is very aware of what complete streets are. N. Angle St is on the official map as a pedestrian corridor. Staff is here to do the work, the trigger in the ordinance is when a street is reconstructed. Nissley suggested that the recommendations included in a memo to the Committee should be considered as a way to move forward. Have a committee review the entire borough to decide what areas should get sidewalks, staff should not need to make the determination of which properties need to install sidewalks. Nissley suggested that curbs could be installed as part of the street project and the residents would be assessed the cost of the curb. Mayor Bradley suggested that staff has not gotten guidance that is needed to make the best decisions. Under current ordinance, because it mentions alleys does that mean sidewalks should be installed on alleys? Some areas, even where I live have some sidewalks, but you must walk in the street where there is none. Bradley questions the need for the grant for complete streets implementation guide. We have not moved forward with pedestrian safety on Main St. at Marietta Ave. so why should residents on Bernhard Ave need to install sidewalks. Need to process this and put something in place to make informed decisions. Address the criteria that activates this ordinance. Millar comments that the Committee needs to take a look at the ordinance. Ginder stated that the committee needs to be proactive and take a look at the ordinance. Deering stated he spent time on N. Angle St and Terrace and Bruce Ave., surprised how many walkers are in the area. Need to walk 4-5 feet into the street. Deering expressed appreciation for everyone coming out and providing their input. Mayor Bradley asked about deadline for sidewalk completion. Deering asked if the preliminary plans can be moved up sooner. Committee discussed looking at the ordinance and come up with funding possibilities. Sulkosky commented that the other municipalities contacted were not able to get funding, and asked if the borough helps to fund the sidewalks, what about those property owners that have already paid to have theirs installed? Deering commented that Mount Joy is in the urban growth area. Sulkosky said complete streets is not just about sidewalks, it is all modes of transportation, including biking, mass transit, and walking. And connecting of the parks.

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VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

VII. ADJOURN meeting adjourned at