

Borough of Mount Joy

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2018

Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering & Councilor Millar

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Deering at 6:36 PM.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stormwater Officer David Salley, Codes Enforcement Officer Stacie Gibbs, Dolores Linard, Kim Suttereckels, Peg Hamm, Rick Hamm, Joyce Stabler, Andy Ober, Ken Ober, Bill Garman, Bob Ruschle, Eleanor Vantassell, Jennifer Watson, Roger Brandt, Larry Derr, Rachelle Derr, Connie Kline, Bob Kline, Glen Morrison, Cindy Wolfe, Mike Wolfe, Denise Morrison, Sherry Jarres, William Risbon, Beth Brejle, Councilman Glessner, Councilman Youngerman, and Mayor Bradley

- I. APPROVAL OF JUNE 11, 2018 PUBLIC WORKS MEETING AGENDA
- II. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS Time limit of three minutes per individual.
 - 1. Bill Garman of 725 Bruce Ave shared his concerns with speed enforcement signs on Bruce Ave, road construction signs for N Plum St project, and sidewalks. Rick Hamm of 755 Terrace Ave expressed his concerns with the installation of sidewalks. Dolores Linard of 829 Bruce Ave shared her concerns about the placement of road construction signs for N Plum St. Joyce Stabler of 720 Terrace Ave expressed her concerns about construction equipment hazard lights not on.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the May 14, 2018 meeting.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 1. Stormwater
 - A. Pipe replacement on New Haven St, Bernhard Ave, and N Angle St.- Salley reported that PW will be replacing stormwater pipes.
 - B. Salley reported that the BMP implementation projects are set to start at the beginning of July
 - C. Salley reported that there were over 550 attendants at the Watershed Expo on June 6th
- 2. Parks
 - A. Old Standby Park Electric and water connections
 - Salley reported that Public Works received an estimate from Nolt Electric for \$100.00 to add on an outlet at Old Standby Park. Salley also reported that Public Works is getting a in house cost estimate from the Authority for water connection
 - B. Gateway Park sign

- 1) Salley reported that the Chamber is taking the lead and that Nolt Electric will be installing a pole for a meter and electric connection at the rear of the sign with no definitive date.
- 2) Gibbs reported that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rotary Park path extension on June 28th at 2:00pm.

C. Travel App

1) Salley presented a phone app called PocketSights which helps users explore places of interest in a community. Salley stated that places of worship, local eateries, Borough parks, and local agencies are all included in the app. Mayor Bradley suggested talking to the Chamber of Commerce. The Committee made a recommendation to bring PocketSights to Council.

3. Equipment

A. ARLE Grant

- 1) Salley reported that staff is reviewing the 2017 submitted permit application and are making any necessary updates. Staff will be re-applying by the July 6th deadline
- Councilman Deering asked if the Borough installed yellow backgrounds on the signals at the intersection of Main and Elmcrest. Salley said that this was done by Rapho Township
- 3) Councilman Deering asked if there was an issue with the traffic signal at the intersection of Main and Barbara. Salley stated that staff has been in contact with Telco and Steve Gault about this issue.

4. Streets and Alleys

- A. Smart Growth Transportation Funding Complete Streets Presentation
 - 1) Councilman Deering announced, due to time, staff will make the Complete Streets presentation available on the Borough's website

B. Review current and future street projects

- 1) Salley reported that UGI will begin work this week to replace a 4" cast iron pipe with 6" polyurethane pipe. Public Works will be replacing an inlet box and pipe across the street. Salley added that Kinsley Construction has the road reconstruction scheduled for July
- 2) Salley reported that SM Johns is beginning construction of curbs this week on N Plum St. Pennsy Supply will be removing trees for road widening this week as well. There will be some daytime closures and street construction is scheduled for July.

3) Salley reported to the Committee preliminary plans for the road widening, curbs, and sidewalks. The Committee and staff discussed the cart way widths and right of way on the preliminary plans. Mayor Bradley questioned the differences in widths of the road. The Committee directed staff to go back to ARRO to ask how the widths were determine.

C. Discussion about Paving Policy

1) Salley reported that at the April 9th Public Works Committee meeting the draft paving policy was sent to Council for discussion. Salley added that at the May 7th Council meeting the policy was on as a discussion item. The discussion was focused on notifications of residents and no action was taken. Salley stated that staff is looking for recommendation to bring this back to Council. Councilman Deering requested that the Committee review the paving policy again and discuss it during the next Public Works Committee meeting.

D. Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application

 Gibbs discussed that staff is currently working on an application for Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. The Committee recommended to add Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application to Council meeting's agenda

E. Curb and Sidewalk Requirements

1) Salley provided an email to the Committee with staff recommendations for curbs and sidewalks. Salley also provided a list of segments of roads which either have or do not have existing sidewalks and curbs. Salley explained that this correlates with the Borough's pavement maintenance plan. Councilman Deering read aloud staff recommendations to the audience. Mayor Bradley commends staff for their recommendations and stated that this is a good compromise. Mayor Bradley asked Salley what benefits curbs have pertaining to stormwater. Salley stated that curbs help direct stormwater to inlets which can later be treated in BMP's. Salley added that curbing protects the edge of the road and prolongs the life of the surface.

5. Railroad crossing repairs

- A. Salley reported that staff has a meeting scheduled for June 29th with PennDOT and Norfolk Southern regarding the crossings at W Main St. and Manheim St.
- B. Salley stated that WR Mills will be repairing the crossing at N Market St. Salley added that WR Mills shared their concern with speed getting worse after the tracks are repaired. Staff has proposed "Caution Slow Down Pedestrian Traffic" signs. WR Mills asked about speed

humps. Staff has advised that this would require gathering information with the Police Department and a traffic study.

- 6. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Project
 - A. Salley reported that the Borough is awaiting notice that the Right of Way plans are approved
- 7. Jacob Street bridge removal
 - A. Salley stated that PennDOT is working on Right of Way and the Borough is still awaiting the reimbursement agreement from PennDOT
- 8. Rail Enhancements Project Phase II
 - A. Nothing new to report
- V. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS Time limit of three minutes per individual.
 - 1. Jennifer Watson of 620 Bernhard Ave commented that her deed references a right of way but does not state that the Borough has the right to make the property owner pay for and be responsible for the construction or maintenance of the streets. Watson also stated that just because other town and boroughs do this doesn't make it right. Beth Brejle of 550 Angle St asked what's the next step. Councilman Deering stated that the next step going forward was to review the plans ARRO has provided and staff recommendations to bring a recommendation to Council. From there a decision will be made by Council. With the grant funding for the Complete Streets guide, there will be a committee formed to determine the areas where sidewalks are needed. Larry Derr of 715 Terrace Ave shared his views on common sense for installation of sidewalks. Mr. Derr also stated that forming a committee to decide where sidewalks should be installed is a good idea. Councilman Deering stated that the committee would include residents. Councilman Millar shared his opinions on sidewalks and how this topic is a double edge sword. Rick Hamm of 755 Bruce Ave suggested the Council look at the end of the jurisdiction situation because this seems to be a problem. Joyce Stabler of 720 Terrace Ave asked what the Sunshine Law entails. Mayor Bradley gave a summary of what the Sunshine Law is and why the Borough must abide by it. Bob Ruschle of 550 N Angle St asked if the engineer has taken the consideration of ADA requirements in the preliminary plans. Salley responded that the final design plans will show the specifications of the sidewalks and meet ADA requirements. Councilman Deering suggested that staff add these preliminary plans on the website. Mike Wolfe of 566 N Angle St expressed his concerns for his trees on the property. Peg Hamm of 755 N Angle St expressed that the sections of roads that staff is talking about is meaningless because the length of existing sidewalks has not been given. Ms. Hamm asked how many boroughs have this policy and how many boroughs are in the county, therefore in the state? Ms. Hamm asked if letters were given out to residents and, if a deadline was given, how was that deadline determined? Ms. Hamm stated that whoever pays for the streets should pay for the sidewalks. Councilman Deering stated that all boroughs have some kind of sidewalk policy. Mayor Bradley expressed that staff was going by the ordinance for sidewalks when a street gets repaved. He also stated that the ordinance was driven by a national pedestrian and bicycle safety program. Salley explained that each road segment has lineal feet and square yard data that can be found in the Pavement Maintenance Plan which is available on the Borough's website. Councilman Deering the Committee and staff felt that giving a longer notice to residents would help instead of a 90-day notice as stated in the ordinance. Beth Brejle of 550 Angle St. was hoping to change the ordinance for the Borough. Councilman Deering stated that the Borough would have to have the Complete Streets study to consider changing the ordinance.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

- 1. None
- VII. ADJOURN meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM