



**Borough of Mount Joy**  
**Public Works Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026**  
**Meeting time: 6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL - Councilors: Deering, Greineder, Haigh, Mayor Bradley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering, Councilor Haigh, Councilor Greineder, Mayor Bradley

STAFF PRESENT: Borough Manager Mark Pugliese via Zoom, Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Parks Superintendent Barry Geltmacher, Public Works Crew Leader Jake Houck

OTHERS PRESENT: Raeann Schatz, Joe McFarland, Patrick Gerlach, Herbert & Judith Weller

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 12, 2026, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA – Motion by Haigh, second by Greineder, motion carried, Agenda approved

II. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD – Comments of Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner. Time limit of three minutes per individual

Raeann Schatz inquired about a meeting with Amtrak, Pugliese responded that there was a meeting with Amtrak to discuss the pipe at BMP 107 and other washout concerns along the tracks. Schatz asked about an update on BMP 107, Pugliese said he discussed sediment build-up with Rettew and staff is planning to meet with Rettew next week to discuss 107. Schatz asked if there has been any meeting with Melhorns, Pugliese said there were meetings in the past, but until there is more information there is nothing to meet about. Schatz asked about any update on 125.

Herbert Weller 912 Wood Street expressed concern about the plans to add stormwater from S Market Ave to the pipe on S Plum Street. He is concerned that adding more water at S Plum the system will not be able to handle all the water and will flood his property.

Councilor Deering asked if a violation letter has been sent to Melhorn. Pugliese stated it has not because no clear violations have been determined at this time.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 8, 2025, meeting. Motion by Greineder, seconded by Haigh to approve the minutes. During discussion, Haigh stated that the estimate amounts for S. Market Avenue project should be removed from the minutes. The minutes were approved with this amendment.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Review with possible motion any change orders for the Borough Municipal Building Project.- None

2. Streets and Alleys

1) 2026 Project Bidding – Nissley stated that the 2026 street project has been advertised and bid opening is scheduled for February 19, 2026. The Committee discussed Seal Coat bidding and determined that bid documents should be presented to Public Works Committee on February 9 and the Committee will decide on moving forward to Council in March.

- 2) Curb and Sidewalk letters for unfinished properties – Nissley reported that staff will be sending letters to property owners that have not completed or scheduled curb and sidewalk work related to the 2026 street project.
- 3) S. Market Ave. project – Property owner meeting planning – The Committee set February 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM for this meeting to present the plans to the property owners. Mayor Bradley asked about the status of abandoning S Market Ave at Wenger Feeds.
- 4) 5-Year Plan Update – After a lengthy discussion, it was determined by the Committee that staff should continue to budget for \$600,000 per year for stormwater and street work.
- 5) Removal of unused telephone poles – Haigh expressed his frustration with old poles that have not been removed. He will contact PSAB to find out what boroughs can do about this.
- 6) Main Street Lighting - The Committee discussed possible street light updates. Pugliese will look for information from previous research on this topic.

### 3. Stormwater

- 1) Detwiler Ave. system – Discussion focused on increasing the size of the pipe that goes from Detwiler Ave to Kunkle Field. Drainage analysis needs to be done to verify capacity of pipe needed. No decisions were made to move forward with any work.
- 2) Columbia Ave at S Barbara St – Nissley presented a drainage analysis from Rettew. Pipe sizes and condition are sufficient.
- 3) 5- Year Plan (Draft) – This was discussed as part of item 2.4).
- 4) Westview Park Analysis – Haigh presented his thoughts on constructing a berm. The Committee agreed to move forward with a drainage analysis.
- 5) Pink Alley BMP survey – Haigh asked about the survey at Pink Alley. Staff will check with Rettew.
- 6) Grandview Park Swale Analysis – Stormwater discussion and possible motion – Committee discussed the K&W letter. Off-site drainage to the culvert at Church St was not considered when calculations were done. Discussion centered around responsibility for not including this in the calculations. The Committee suggested that a letter should be sent to K&W asking if the off-site drainage analysis was ever done. A letter should be sent to Rettew asking them for their response to why this was missed in their review.
- 7) Bruce Avenue stormwater – Committee had a lengthy discussion about stormwater flow from Bruce Ave to Terrace Ave and the affects it has on 825 Terrace Ave. It was determined that staff will locate and review information that ARRO had done several years ago.

### 4. Parks

- 1) ADA Fishing Pier Signs – Motion by Haigh seconded by Greineder to move the ADA signs for the fishing piers to Council for discussion and possible motion. Pugliese said that staff will work on some of the language
- 2) T Mobile Hometown Grant for Pickleball Courts – After reviewing the grant, it was discussed that lighting would need to be removed from the estimate to bring the cost in line with the grant. Staff should consider language stating lighting would be included if funding is available. on a motion by Greineder, seconded by Haigh Committee agreed to move this grant to Council for approval.

### V. Grants Update – Pugliese gave updates on the grants.

#### B. Streambank Project

- 1) Lancaster Clean Water Partners CAP funding
- 2) DCED application for \$300,000.00 Submitted, awaiting award notice

#### F. Act 101 Section 902 DEP Recycling grant

#### G. ARLE grant – Safety Enhancement Project, Phase II

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Raeann Schatz suggested a grant should be pursued for the Melhorn basin. Schatz asked about the meeting with Gus's regarding the parking spaces.

Joe McFarland commented on flooding and grading work he has done at his property at 825 Terrace Ave related to stormwater from Bruce Ave.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Haigh commented on a conversation he had with the Lancaster County Tax office regarding Locust Lane basin and borough input on the sale of the property.

Haigh said he is planning to provide an article on stormwater in the borough newsletter and asked that staff provide an article about street and stormwater projects that have recently been completed.

Mayor Bradley stated he would like to see improvements to the parking area at Gateway Park.

VIII. ADJOURN – Motion by Greineder, seconded by Haigh to adjourn at 9:00 PM