



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering, Councilor Haigh, Councilor Trave, Mayor Bradley via Zoom

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Raeann Schatz, Dominic Castaldi

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF MARCH 9, 2026, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – Approved with the following amendments. Motion by Haigh/second by Deering to add, 2.7). 13 W Main St sidewalks, Motion by Haigh second by Deering to add V.4 Peoples, Parks, Education, Development Grant application. Motion to approve amended agenda by Haigh, seconded by Deering. Motion passed

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 letter for BMP 107. Pugliese reported that a meeting is scheduled with Melhorns for April 2 to discuss the basin. Schatz asked if it was a violation letter. Pugliese stated it is not. Dominic Castaldi asked about the proposed Traditions development, will they be served by Borough Authority water and sewer and asked when the authority meets. Haigh responded that this project is listed on Mount Joy Township website.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 9, 2026, meeting. Pugliese asked that item 3.2 107 be changed to directing the Manager to send a letter, not a letter of violation. The Committee passed a motion to amend the minutes. Motion by Haigh seconded by Deering to approve the amended minutes. Motion passed

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Review with possible motion any change orders for the Borough Municipal Building Project. No pending change orders, Pugliese stated that the one regarding bullet proof glass still has not come to him. The reception windows were not constructed to meet ADA height, and so the bullet proof glass is the wrong size.

2. Streets and Alleys

1) Review 2026 Road Project Contract 1 -Paving bid results and recommend that Council award the contract to Kinsley Construction LLC.- Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to recommend to Council to award Roadway Project Contract 1 – Paving to Kinsley Construction LLC for \$563,388.00, and pay for the stormwater items from the Stormwater Capital Fund. Motion approved.

- 2) S. Market Ave. project – Review comments from property owner meeting. Recommendation to move to Council for final plan approval. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to recommend the preliminary plan approval contingent upon stormwater review at S Plum St. Motion passed
- 3) PW SOP manual discussion and review – Pugliese stated that he has developed an SOP template and staff will work at updating SOP's
- 4) Winter Maintenance and Snow Removal Policies – Committee discussed current policies and suggested that staff clearly define street types and documentation of plowing. There was lengthy discussion regarding snow plowing. Nissley stated that staff is plowing sooner than what is outlined in the policy and temperature plays a significant role in snow removal. Haigh stated that if we can make our snow removal activities clear to the public it may help to satisfy their expectations.
- 5) Chapter 232 Street and Alley Ordinance – The Committee discussed the proposed ordinance that is with the Solicitor now. Deering and Trave need to see the proposed ordinance to review.
- 6) Traffic signal at W Main St. and New Haven St.- Committee discussed the issues with signal timing related to adding turn lanes. Penn DOT has said the Borough can propose changes but will need to provide traffic studies. The Committee asked staff to check with Rettew to get a quote to study the intersection.
- 7) 13 W Main Street sidewalks – Haigh presented an issue with uneven sidewalks at the trees at 13 W Main St and asked that it be addressed. Nissley stated that this issue can be handled through Codes as a property maintenance item.

3. Stormwater

- 1) 5- Year Plan (Draft) – The Committee discussed areas where flooding events have occurred. Haigh suggested adding Old Market Street culvert pipes to the list of future projects. The consensus was to have staff compile a prioritized list of projects. Haigh suggested that \$300,00.00 per year be presented to Council for budgeting. Mayor Bradley commented about different flooding events and suggested that those areas are evaluated for upgrades to the system prior to street projects in those areas.
- 2) Westview Park Analysis – The Committee reviewed Rettew's drainage area analysis for the Westview Park area. Haigh asked that Rettew recalculate the Mount Joy Country Homes area as pervious area to help with the numbers. There is a concern with the berm option that it will trap water on the east side of the berm. The Committee asked for Rettew to provide the cost to replace the pipe from POI 2 to School Lane and options for storage in the park. Committee asked that the Zoning officer check the status of the basin at MJCH.
- 3) Pink Alley BMP survey – Nissley reported that Rettew has been advised to move forward with the survey, No further information.
- 4) Grandview Park Swale Analysis – Committee discussed letter sent to K&W. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to move the Grandview Park swale analysis to full Council for discussion and possible motion. Motion passed unanimously
- 5) Bruce Avenue stormwater – Committee discussed the overland flow of water from Bruce Ave to Terrace Ave properties. Haigh pointed out that the borough is not responsible unless we have altered the natural flow of water. Discussion about curbing on Bruce Ave to hold water, but at some point it would still flow down the hillside and curbing would cause significant ponding on Bruce Ave which is a concern especially in the winter. No further action.
- 6) Stormwater Ordinance – Committee discussed BMP inspections, per the ordinance, owners are required to do inspections. Haigh suggested that the ordinance be tweaked to clarify inspection process and allow for quick tickets. Committee asked for a list of BMP's and a plan for contacting the owners of the BMP's.
- 7) BMP 107 letter – Pugliese reported that a meeting with Melhorn is scheduled for April 2 to discuss the basin
- 8) SCM inspections status – See item 3.6)

9) Florin Hill E&S PC update on violations and fines – Committee discussed ordinance enforcement, groundwater seepage in basements and Haigh expressed concern about compaction of fill. Haigh made a motion, seconded by Trave to recommend to Council for discussion and possible motion about the violation letter from November 10, 2025. Trave reported that fully loaded dump trucks are traveling through phase 2 that should be using the access from Fairview Road.

10) Stormwater pipe replacement at E Donegal St to Amtrak – Nissley reported that the stormwater pipe from E Donegal St to the Amtrak cut is eroding the bank and needs to be replaced. Amtrak has expressed willingness to work with the borough to replace the pipe this year when they are improving the banks along the tracks. The pipe will be relocated on an angle away from the bridge abutment. Which will require a new easement agreement with the property owner along E Donegal St. Committee agreed to move forward with Rettew preparing a legal description and plat so the easement can be processed.

4. Lakes Walking Trail Letter – Following up on a previous discussion and possible letter to HOA about ramps at Farmington Way and the walking trail. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to forward to Council a discussion with possible motion the Lakes walking trail ADA ramps.

V. Grants Update

1. Streambank Project – Pugliese reported that the contractor has begun work the deadline for completion of the work is March 31.

2. Act 101 Section 902 DEP Recycling grant – Nissley reported that the NPDES permit needs to be acquired before staff can start removing the fill pile, this is a change from direction received from LCCD previously.

3. ARLE grant – Safety Enhancement Project – nothing new to report

4. People's, Parks, Educational & Development Grant – Pugliese introduced this grant which would be for \$30,000.00 for new picnic tables at Little Chiques Park. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to recommend to Council for staff to prepare grant application.

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Raeann Schatz asked if since progress on 107 is not optimistic, can work begin on 125. Pugliese stated that we don't have plans from Rettew for 125 at this time.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Haigh asked about the status of sewer connection for Chiques Crossing. Pugliese reported that a property owner on Pine St has agreed to allow them to connect through her property. The Authority will own the line and pumping station when it is completed. Haigh asked how many EDU's were granted.

Discussion about new Councilors that don't have keys for the office, Deering stated that Chief Goshen doesn't have any keys. Mayor Bradley stated that keys from past Councilors need to be returned.

Deering asked about street cuts on Marietta Ave. Committee discussed concerns about when street cuts get restored. Deering asked if there is a list.

Deering commented about sinkholes in the swale near Whitmoyer and Stauffers.

Haigh commented about leaves near the outlet at BMP 125 and asked that staff clean it up.

VIII. ADJOURN – Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM