



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes June 12, 2023
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Ginder, Councilor Ruschke, Councilor Haigh, Mayor Bradley via Zoom

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Deering,

I. APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2023, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – Approved with the following amendments.

1. Haigh asked to add Item 1. B. 2) Painted crosswalk lines.
2. Haigh asked to add Item 1.E.4) 2023 Remainder of 5-year plan.
3. Haigh asked to add an Executive session for 2 legal issues and a personnel issue as Item 7.
4. Mayor Bradley asked to switch Items 2.A. and 2.B.

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

1. Josh Deering asked if staff could check to see that the traffic lights are timed properly.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the May 8, 2023, meeting - Approved

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Streets and Alley

A. Wood Street project

- 1) Downspouts at Wenger Feeds – Mayor Bradley expressed his concerns about downspouts that dump onto the sidewalks at Wenger Feeds and that the process of requiring waivers needs to be reviewed.
- 2) Painted crosswalks – The Committee discussed crosswalk painting at Bridge Blvd and S. Market Ave. This will be moved to the July agenda for discussion related to budgeting.

B. Pinkerton Rd project

- 1) ROW acquisition – One property to be discussed in executive session.
- 2) Driveway Restoration – Houck reported that one driveway is complete on Pinkerton Rd, and one is complete on N. Angle St. others are underway.
- 3) Unfinished sidewalks – On a motion by Haigh. Second Ruschke, provide letters to property owners that they have 45 days to complete their sidewalks.
- 4) Sight Triangle SW corner of Pinkerton Rd and School Lane – Staff will look into this issue and notify the property owner accordingly.

- C. Bradys Alley project – Nothing new to report
- D. Downtown street tree replacement – Houck reported that tree replacement has begun.
- E. 5-year Street and Alley Plan- Haigh provided his mark-ups on the Planning Process that Nissley provided in May.
 - 1) Discussion of planning process – Haigh provided additional comments on the planning process schedule that was presented at the May Public Works meeting.
 - 2) Columbia Ave. – S. Market St to S. Barbara St.- Motion by Haigh, Move forward with the Seal Coat of Charlan Blvd and Farmington Way. Haigh asked to consider doing Columbia Ave prior to School Lane if School Lane stormwater pipes have not been replaced per the grant.
 - 3) Guardian Security Property – The Committee asked staff to determine the requirements for trees in accordance with Zoning Hearing Board determinations.
- F. Cresco Lab sinkhole and basin – The Committee discussed the need to move forward on the sink hole repair according to the Solicitor’s recommendations.
- G. Pothole repairs – Contract Basis – Haigh asked to have staff look into having an outside company work on pothole repair.

2. Stormwater

- A. Old Market Street/Manheim Street Drainage Swale – Waiting on legal advice on how to move forward.
- B. Pink Alley Detention Basin Topographic Survey cost – Haigh asked to move forward with a survey, the Committee discussed that it would need to be determined whether there is funding in the budget for this project.
- C. 5-year stormwater plan – Nothing new to report –
- D. Locust Lane Detention Basin Grass Cutting Outside Fence – The Public Works has cut the grass and sprayed weeds in the ROW outside the fence and will continue to monitor this area.
- E. Stormwater Enforcement Officer Position – Pugliese said the position will be advertised. Haigh suggested having Rettew do some of the MS4 work and concentrating on hiring a grants person. Mayor Bradley suggested sharing the MS4 position with other neighboring municipalities.
- F. 2-14 Ordinance Status – The Committee discussed this and were not sure of the status. Mayor Bradley asked if the Borough Solicitor is the Law Firm or the Lawyer. If it in fact is the firm, there should be other folks in that firm to assist if the lawyer is busy. Bradley is concerned about the length of time to get things done. We need timely responses.

3. Parks

- A. Parks Advisory Board/Study Group for C2P2 Grant – First meeting scheduled for 6/20/23 a representative of Donegal School District, Christopher Miller has consented to join the Committee and Janus School has expressed interest in providing a representative.

- 4. Budget Update – Mayor Bradley inquired about the approach of the Committee in planning for streets in 2024 and suggested a feasible street plan. He asked if Charter Lane will be on the 2024 schedule. Haigh responded that Charter Lane is scheduled for 2024.
- 5. Hiring of PW Technicians – Pugliese reported that there has not been much response recently to the current opening. The Committee discussed the need for competitive wages.

6. Grants update

- A. DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Little Chiques Park Master Site Development Plan (MSDP)
- B. Streambank Project- Have applied for grants that were not received last year.

- C. Flood Mitigation Grant for Borough basin modifications - Nothing new from Kinsley on completing the basin.
- D. DEP 902 grant for compost equipment – Still waiting for a skid loader.
 - 1) Preparing for the next grant round. – Haigh asked if acquisition of real estate qualifies for the grant.
- E. DCED MTF grant for pedestrian safety – Awaiting HOPs to put out for bid.
- F. DCED Heritage grant – Staff met with Rettew regarding some changes. Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6/14 to make sure they are on board.
- G. Reserves HOA – Clean Water Implementation, Small Grant - Waiting on estimate from contractor.
- H. ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant Application

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

Josh Deering commented on the problems of having downspouts that dump water on the sidewalks. On the 5-year plan, where is Clay Alley? How many times has the Pink Alley basin flooded in the past 20 years?

VI ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE – Mayor Bradley commented on the downspout issue and that variances are obtained if necessary.

VII ADJOURN 9:50 pm