



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes August 11, 2025
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Public Works Crew Leader Jacob Houck, Son

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Deering, Raeann Schatz, Dominic Castaldi, Joe McFarland, Chris Rhyner Linda Gonya Hartman, Patrick Gerlach, Bill Hall, Joanne Pinkerton, David Christian, Brian Youngerman

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF AUGUST 11, 2025, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – Haigh made a motion to amend the agenda to move Item 4 to Item 1, Motion passed, agenda approved as amended.

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

Raeann Schatz asked for an update on BMP's 107 & 125

Dominic Castaldi commented on the long Council meeting that went to the wee hours of the morning. Glad that item 4 was moved to item 1. Council should consider clawing back the parking spaces at Gus's.

Josh Deering stated that the most important issue in the borough is stormwater. He suggested looking at the budget and diverting funds from streets to stormwater.

Bill Hall stated we can't plan for flash flooding. He questioned the list of stormwater issues and said E. Main ST and Longenecker does not flood. Said we should get a good plan together, fix the underlying problems. develop a stormwater plan similar to the road maintenance plan.

Joe McFarland stated that there are no drains on Bruce Avenue and this causes water problems at his property on Terrace Avenue.

Brian Youngerman stated that he is an eye witness of flooding at Weis Markets, Florin Avenue and School Lane, and commented on the Kinsley warehouse at Cornerstone Drive.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 21, 2025, meeting – Motion by Greineder, seconded by Haigh, minutes approved

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Stormwater

- A. Flooding areas in the borough – review list – The Committee discussed the list that was presented by staff to address priority areas where we have experienced flash flooding. Haigh suggested getting mapping that shows topography of the borough. Haigh suggested coming up with criteria for determining priorities for stormwater. Mayor Bradley suggested upgrading and improving stormwater facilities when reconstructing streets. Greineder agreed that criteria needs to be set for how to move forward, and look for grant opportunities need to be explored. Haigh stated there are 5 areas we are already looking at. He presented copies of the stormwater ordinance on inspections.

Haigh reviewed requirements of owners to inspect their BMP's. Haigh presented photos of the basin at S Angle St and Donegal Springs Rd.

- B. Florin Hill Phase 3 – Pugliese reported that there is not legal reason to withhold building permits. Haigh discussed the issue of a notice of violation for failure to maintain E&S measures.

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

3. Streets and Alleys

A. Street Planning

1) S. Market Ave. project – Haigh suggested doing sidewalk inspections. Nissley stated that a notice was sent to all property owners informing them that S Market Ave. is scheduled for reconstruction in 2027 and they may need to install or improve their sidewalks. It was suggested by Haigh that a letter be sent to find out who will keep their sidewalks on the east side. Question arose, does the borough have the ability to make people remove sidewalks that are outside the ROW.

Nissley reported that staff is planning to repave a section of Sassafraus Alley and a portion of North Alley.

3. Parks

A. Malmedy Memorial Project – Joanne Pinkerton presented design ideas for the project. Linda Gonya Hartman reviewed specific design features text for a plaque and costs. Mayor Bradley suggested adding in the text that Harold Billow was the last survivor of the Malmedy Massacre. Dave Christian discussed the story board and bricks that would be sold for along the pathway. Motion by Haigh to move to Council a discussion with possible motion to approve the bronze base, stand and plaque with the text to be discussed for final approval. Second by Greineder, motion passed. The Committee discussed bricks and whether it only lists the veterans and/or donors names. The Committee suggested having a separate plaque with the donor names listed.

4. Grants Update

A. DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Little Chiques Park Master Site Development Plan (MSDP)

B. Streambank Project

1) Lancaster Clean Water Partners CAP funding

2) DCED application for \$300,000.00 Submitted, awaiting award notice

C. DCED MTF grant for pedestrian safety – Completed except for bus shelters and street markings

F. Act 101 Section 902 DEP Recycling grant

V. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD - Comments of **Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner**. Time limit of three minutes per individual.

Bill Hall commented on the brick sponsors for Malmedy project and said folks should give the money because it's the right thing to do. Do not list donor's names on bricks, have a separate plaque to list the donors.

Raeann Schatz stated she is sympathetic to folks that were flooded, she stated we have a way to fix bmp 125, need to get something done, start notifying.

Josh Deering commented on the website for reporting public works issues. Stormwater issues that have been going on for years, violations need to be sent. Install rolled curbs on Bruce Avenue.

Joe McFarland thanked the Mayor and Mr Haigh and other Council members who came out to look at his property, he commented on the retention pond at Florin Church and his thoughts on Bruce Avenue drainage.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Bruce Haigh stated that as a veteran, name and rank is all that is needed on the bricks.

Mayor Bradley commented on street trees and responsibility for trimming when they are too low or cause sight issues. He asked who is responsible for overgrowth on bridges, Barbara Street, Priority needs to be safety at crossings. He suggested adding a line item in the budget for tree trimming

VII. ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn by Ginder, seconded by Haigh. At 8:48 PM