



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2019
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering, Councilor Ginder, Councilor Millar

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Stormwater Officer Dave Salley, Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky, Mayor Bradley

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry and Shelley Derr, Raeann Schatz, Bruce Haigh, Erik Kline, Mike Fronczek, Tina Feathers, Jeff Cassel, Bob Ruschke, Andy Ober, Sherry Torres, Joyce Stabler, Steve Snyder, Patty Snyder Ken Ober, Lynn Miller, Deb Gepfer, Tod Dohl, Dick Prescott, Jean Prescott, Jane Farr, Don Farr, Katie Stehman, Linda Miller, Ron Grose,

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Deering at 6:30 PM.

- I. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2019 PUBLIC WORKS MEETING AGENDA – Agenda was approved
- II. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS – Time limit of three minutes per individual.

- 1. Bruce Haigh 504 Rose Pedal Ln- inquired if Marietta Avenue will have sidewalks on both sides of the road

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the July 8, 2019 meeting – approved as submitted

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Reporting on various projects

- 1) Salley reported the status of the BMP projects at Pink Alley and Grandview Park with hydroseeding scheduled for September.

B. Bruce Ave stormwater

- 1) Deering reported that he asked to have this on the agenda to review a low spot on Bruce Ave. which causes water to flow onto properties on Terrace Ave. Deering inquired about the parking lot and retention basin at the Florin Church of the Brethren, and could the water be pipe to this basin. Deering asked if staff could find plans for the church basin. The Committee asked to have ARRO look at this issue to provide recommendations.

C. Alley I

- 1) Nissley reported that the alley was excavated, but not extensively because of a rock base, and a maximum of 3 inches of asphalt was added. There was significant rutting before it was repaved. Nissley proposed to regrade the stone area to keep the water flowing along the alley. The Committee suggested that Public Works should meet with the property owners about adding stone to keep the water on the alley.

2. Streets and Alleys

A. ARLE Grant update

- 1) Nissley reported that an award letter was received for this grant of \$219,000.00 for pedestrian crossing signal upgrades, and we are awaiting a kick-off meeting for this.

B. Sidewalk Ordinance

1) 232-60 D. Add Bituminous sidewalks

- a) The definition of block is in the SALDO. Mayor Bradley discussed the benefits of allowing bituminous material for driveways. Nissley stated that the driveway walking slope needs to be less than 2% cross slope. Bradley stated that even if the sidewalk needs to be concrete to comply with the block and the driveway is asphalt it could be repaved in asphalt. Millar noted that 232-61. A needs to be changed to allow for bituminous. The Committee agreed that bituminous sidewalks should not be allowed on Main Street or in new developments. Deering to provide ordinance verbiage changes to the Manager.

2) 323-62 Variances - discuss deferment process

- a) The Committee agreed to have the word defer added. The Committee discussed giving 90 days for a request for deferment after the letters are sent out after preliminary plans have been approved. The Committee discussed the trigger mechanism for sidewalk repairs or replacements.

3) 232-60. A (7) & (9) Grass strip

- a) The Committee agreed to allow decorative stone or mulch to be used an option for grass strips.

4) 232-65 Failure to Comply

- a) The Committee agreed to recommend that the penalty for non-compliance should not exceed \$500.00

C. Pinkerton Road Planning discussion

- 1) Staff presented a visual aid showing sidewalks, grass strip, and curb and street and discussed the change in ROW widths. Salley stated that the street narrowing towards Marietta Ave would have a traffic calming effect. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of bike lanes, and grass strips, Don Farr proposed that sidewalk be installed

only on the west side. Nissley stated that any existing infrastructure on Pinkerton Rd, needs to be replaced so we are not locked into their locations with the current design process. Nissley also stated that planning for streets is long range because they are built for the next 25 to 30 years. Millar reminded the Committee that at the July meeting it was discussed to look at asphalt cartway only, Staff stated that paving only, can be placed anywhere in the ROW and would not affect the underground infrastructure. Ron Grose commented that the sidewalk would be higher than most residents yards. Nissley stated that grading behind the sidewalk is typically done when sidewalk is added. Nissley also stated that the elevation of the entire road could possibly be lowered to help keep the sidewalk closer to the grades of the lawns. Mayor Bradley expressed concerns with a bike lane that would restrict parking and that parking may also be limited because of loss of driveway length, also concerns about parking at apartment house at Pinkerton and Marietta Ave. Discussion ensued about different options for design of Pinkerton Rd. Mayor Bradley reviewed the way the Council/Committee system works and that the residents need to go to full Council if they are asking for a deferment from the ordinance. Millar made a motion to have Pinkerton Rd. on the exemption list, this motion died for lack of second. Ginder made a motion seconded by Deering to have the first set of plans for Pinkerton Rd on Council agenda for discussion. Mayor Bradley suggested that all the plans should be included in the packet for Council to see. Joyce Stabler asked if items shown to Committee members could be available for everyone to view? Sulkosky said that pre-decisional material is not a public document and Council would need to decide to make it available. Ron Grose questioned why his entire water line was not replaced when it was connected to the new water main. Sulkosky recommended he take that question to the Authority manager or the Authority board. Jeff Cassel asked how many storm drains will be installed on Pinkerton Rd. Nissley responded that that has not been designed until the roadway design is decided. Patty Snyder asked if something could be on the screen when Council meets. Deering suggested to the residents that if the amendment passes to allow bituminous material, it may be a good option to lower the cost of sidewalk construction. Sulkosky asked chairman Deering to send an email to ask for the projector to be available at Council meeting.

D. North Angle Street Planning discussion

- 1) Committee discussed a proposal from Ken Ober that shows a walking lane only on the west side. Committee recommended he present this to Council. Deering discussed the driveway and drainage at the property at W. Main St and N. Angle St.

E. Driveway slopes related to alterations

- 1) Nissley discussed the need to upgrade ADA facilities when micro-surfacing is done on a street, the paving plan has micro-surfacing scheduled for streets in Arbor Rose and some of the driveway aprons are not built to current specifications. Nissley reviewed ordinance 232-60. A. (12) which states “At a minimum driveways shall conform to the requirements of ADA”. Will Council require that driveways are upgraded prior to micro-surfacing. Nissley provided another option of Chip Seals and Fog Seals as maintenance for the streets. This option would last for 5 – 7 years. Discussion ensued about the cost analysis. This will be presented at the next Public Works meeting.

3. Parks

- A. Flagpole repairs not completed yet, but is on schedule of mason

4. Facilities

A. Florin Station Roof Replacement

- 1) Second round of bids were rejected. Nissley reported that bids are being accepted from Co-Stars contractors.

B. Parking lot at 15 East Main Street

- 1) Nissley reported that demolition of the garage and clearing the lot has begun. Tod Dohl commented, his concerns related to this project about stormwater, the timing of fence removal, if parking is out too far at Appletree Alley visibility will be difficult, the property should be surveyed to determine the property lines. Deering said survey will be done at a later time, Nissley stated that the stormwater will flow to the east side and overflow will go into the rain garden. Nissley asked if the outhouse could be removed because there is a large hole under it that is a safety issue. Millar made a motion to remove the outhouse then the motion was seconded by Ginder to take this decision to Council, Motion passed to take this to Council.

5. Compost Site

- A. Nissley reported that a draft agreement will be presented for providing services for Mount Joy Twp.

6. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Project

- A. Sulkosky stated that project details are listed on the borough website.

7. Rail Enhancements Project Phase II

- A. Deering announced ribbon cutting on September 12, 2019 @ 4:00 PM. The Committee reviewed and answered to comments and concerns for paid parking at the train station. Sulkosky stated that details are not final and is still being worked on.

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

1. Ron Grose 210 Pinkerton Rd- Shared concerns about council members visiting residents
2. Deb Gepfer 601 Bernhard Ave- Ms. Gepfer shared her concerns about drainage issues on Bruce Ave in its entirety and not just by the church. Ms. Gepfer also shared stormwater issues that she is having at her property.
3. Katie Stehman 310 School Ln- Ms. Stehman asked if curbing is the responsibility of the residents or is it rolled into the project. Deering stated that this is currently being discussed in Committee and Council.
4. Sherry Torres 404 N Angle St- Ms. Torres asked why Councilwoman Ginder and Councilman Deering voted the way they did for the sidewalk issue. Both Council members shared their views on the topic.
5. Beth Brejle 550 N Angle St- Ms. Brejle shared her concerns on the upcoming vote
6. Patty Snyder 213 School Ln- Ms. Snyder also shared her concerns on the upcoming vote
7. Larry Derr 715 Terrace Ave- Mr. Derr provided a recap of the sidewalk issue for the past 18 months and let us agree to disagree.
8. Jeff Cassel 230 Park Ave- Mr. Cassel stated that the longer this continues the more money is being spent and the Committee should stop dragging their feet. Mr. Cassel stated that liquid fuels money can be used for stormwater piping.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

1. Deering shared traffic counts for Pinkerton Rd, N. Angle St to Water, and N. Angle to Terrace to the Committee. Deering also discussed ballpark figures of rolling curbs into a project. The Committee also reviewed an email from ARRO pertaining to the Melhorn's basin.

VII. ADJOURN at 10:26pm