



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

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

OTHER COUNCILORS PRESENT: Bill Hall, Brian Youngerman, Phil Kark, Lu Ann Faundrich, Mitchell Scordo

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Deering, Raeann Schatz, Dominic Castaldi, Jane Farr, Walter Buckius, Hans Seidel, Ed Rasmussen

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

Raeann Schatz reported that she has attended approximately 160 Public Works and Council meetings since being flooded in 2018. She reported that the borough basin is still deficient by 38,000 cubic feet. She asked that Public Works Committee to recommend to Council to remove 13 parking spaces to provide additional storage in the basin. She asked that a letter be sent so we do not lose the 2026 construction season. She also asked that priority be given to the Melhorn basin. She commented about the Amtrak culvert and asked why the borough can't clean it up.

Dominic Castaldi 1059 Reagan Street expressed appreciation and commented on the amount of time Council and staff has been spending on Florin Hill. He asked when is the appropriate time for residents to be part of the conversation as we move towards dedication. He asked if a traffic study will be completed and does that include traffic within the development or external. Pugliese responded that a parking study would be internal and traffic study would be on Main Street. Haigh stated that the study requirement is in the agreement.

Ed Rasmussen 1008 Water Street asked if the borough could impose any pressure or a requirement that the developer include more overflow parking.

Walter Buckius - North Barbara and North Alley stated there has been an issue with water runoff for some time. He had some questions about the alley improvements.

Josh Deering 33 Frank Street referred to the inlet that was added on North Alley, He commented that Snyder Alley and the stones that wash down that alley. He asked about an area along S Barbara Street where a plate has moved and asked that this be checked. He stated that the worst roads have been fixed, and money should be moved to fixing stormwater.

Hans Seidel 300 Witwer Way asked about alley dedication in Florin Hill. He stated there is a mile of alleys and is concerned that these alleys may not be dedicated. Nissley reported that if they meet the liquid fuels requirements, they will most likely be accepted for dedication. Seidel asked again about how to assure that

alleys will be dedicated. Hall commented that for alleys that are not on the list residents would need to ask Council to include them and he commented on the cost of maintaining streets

III. FULL COUNCIL – Consider a motion to appoint labor attorney

Motion by Greineder seconded by Haigh to appoint the law firm of Post and Schell as labor attorney. After brief discussion, motion was approved unanimously.

Following this vote all Councilors exited the meeting except the Public Works Committee members and the Mayor.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 11, 2025, meeting – Motion by Greineder/Seconded by Haigh, minutes were approved as submitted

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

2. Streets and Alleys

A. Farr Driveway Exemption Request – Jane Farr was given opportunity to speak regarding their driveway apron. She asked for a waiver of replacing their driveway apron because it is in good condition. She said they had to install sidewalks on Pinkerton Rd and had damage to their house during the Pinkerton Rd project. Mrs. Farr referred to a letter they were asked to sign saying they would not comply with ADA during the Pinkerton Rd project. She also mentioned other areas of sidewalk that have either been waived or exempted as reason to waive the requirements for them. Haigh suggested that it would be acceptable for Farr's to narrow their sidewalk to 3 feet across the driveway if it would help to make it work. Nissley read minutes from 2024 meetings when this was discussed, and the Committee agreed then that the driveway needed to be upgraded to the new standards. Nissley stated he would talk to SM Johns about getting the slopes calculated with a 3-foot-wide sidewalk across the driveway. Mrs. Farr raised a concern about vibration from the future Columbia Ave road project.

B. Street Planning

1) S. Market Ave. project – Nissley reported that staff is doing test holes to locate utilities in order to be aware of any adjustments that may need to be made.

- a. Recommendation for requirements of existing sidewalks between Poplar Alley and Wood St. that are partially outside the ROW – Nissley explained that by keeping the sidewalks on the east side between Poplar Alley and Wood Street, these existing sidewalks are partially outside of the ROW. Staff needs guidance for how to move forward with this. Committee suggested acquiring ROW for the portion of sidewalk that is outside of the ROW.

C. Street Trees

- 1) Consider removal of tree at High Street Square due to blocking RRFB – After discussion regarding the tree on the southeast side of the square, on a motion by Haigh second by Greineder the Committee recommended to Council to remove the tree that is blocking the RRFB sign.
- 2) Main Street tree relocation and plantings recommendation – Nissley presented a proposal from J. Hubler Inc to move one street tree and install 2 additional trees along Main Street. The trees that are recommended for planting are not on the approved tree list. Motion by Haigh seconded by Greineder to recommend that Council approve the recommended tree for planting.

3. Parks

A. Motion to accept offer from a volunteer to maintain tree plantings at the streambank restoration project. – Nissley reported that Paul Duncan who has been tending to previous tree plantings in the

Borough is asking to be allowed to maintain the tree plantings in the streambank restoration area.
Motion by Haigh second by Greineder to accept this offer and budget for the supplies needed.

4. Stormwater

- A. Discussion to provide directions to staff on flood prone areas list
- B. Discussion to provide information on stormwater system on N. Barbara Street
 - a. North Alley system – Committee allowed Walter Buckius comment on the current work on North Alley. Haigh stated that asphalt curbs will be installed along a portion of the alley. Nissley discussed the need to install new inlets on N Barbara St at North Alley prior to ADA ramp installation and street repaving.
 - b. Mount Joy Street system - Nissley reported that several inlet boxes need to be replaced or added prior to ADA installation and street repaving, staff most likely will not have time to get these done and recommends that this work will need to be added to the street contract in 2026.
- C. Locust Lane Basin – New sinkholes – Nissley reported there are 2 new sinkholes in the basin. Haigh expressed concern about an electrical transformer in the basin.

5. Equipment

- A. Motion to approve Resolution for sale of equipment. - Motion by Greineder seconded by Haigh to move this Resolution to Council.

6. Compost Facility

- A. Motion to receive yard waste and leaves from Mount Joy Township in 2026 – Motion by Greineder second by Haigh to continue to receive yard waste from Mount Joy Township.

7. Councilor Requested Items: Haigh gave some brief comments on the following items.

- A. Pink Alley Detention Basin topographic survey.- The Committee agreed to get a current estimate for the survey
- B. New Municipal Complex stormwater issues
- C. ~~Possible Executive Session to discuss Real Estate matters.~~ Disregard this per Haigh
- D. Changes to Chapter 232 Streets and Alleys – Haigh will submit additional information
- E. Changes to Chapter 226 Stormwater O&M Agreements and As-Built Surveys - Haigh will submit additional information
- F. Rain gauges – Pugliese commented that staff has been talking with EMA director about what type of gauge that would work.
- G. Stormwater Management Facility Inspections after July 14th storm event
- H. Notice of Violation Florin Hill Phase 3
- I. Access to CSDatum and topographic surveys of the Borough. – Pugliese will look into this.

8. Grants Update - Pugliese gave a brief report on current grants.

- 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
- F. Act 101 Section 902 DEP Recycling grant

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Raeann Schatz asked how will the basin ever get resolved when Rettew is always being pulled to other projects.

Josh Deering asked about a priority list for Rettew for projects. Josh commented on the piping in Mount Joy Township which ends at the swale in Rotary Park. He reported that the audible crosswalk is not working. He asked if the Public Works reporting on the website has been worked on.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE - None

VIII. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Haigh second by Greineder at 8:48 PM