Borough of Mount Joy

Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes September 21, 2026
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

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

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

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

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

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – Haigh made a motion to move item 4.1) Stormwater Capital Planning to item 4.11) and move all other items up. And add item 10. 2027 Budget. Motion seconded by Trave. Motion passed

II. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD – Comments of **Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner**. Time limit of three minutes per individual – Raeann Schatz commented abut the Melhorn basin is holding water and the unnamed tributary is gushing water to make the culver pipe half full. Shatz also noted that Amtrak has removed the endwall. Allysa Zevallos commented that Hopewell Street has less traffic during the construction on Fairview Street.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 10, 2026, meeting.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

2. Parks

   1) Parks Advisory Board Report – Allysa Zervallos reported that the board had a good working session discussing possible Scout projects. Zervallos asked what should be changed on the Florin Park plan.
   2) Rotary Park MOU – Nissley reported that discussions are still ongoing.
   3) Review proposal from Mount Joy Ministerium to provide a new nativity scene for Memorial Park – Pastor Vaughn representing the Mount Joy Ministerium presented an offer to purchase a new nativity scene for Memorial Park. The Committee discussed religious displays on public property. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to move to Council to allow Mount Joy Ministerium to purchase a nativity scene that would be displayed at Memorial Park.

3. Streets and Alleys

1) Left turn signal at W Main St and Manheim St. – Michael Mudry from TPD a firm hired by PennDOT was on line to present a proposal for adding a left turn signal on the eastbound side of W Main St at Manheim St. This is related to a detour on Milton Grove Rd. Mudry stated that the turn arrow will remain after the detour is finished and become borough responsibility. Motion by Haigh, seconded by Trave to move to Council to have the borough sign the plans for a left turn signal at W Main St and Manheim St. Mudry will be available to present this to Council on October 5.
2) 2026 Roadway Projects update – Nissley reported that Kinsley is milling and planning to pave Columbia Ave and N Barbara St this week. Haigh asked why there was minimal traffic control when there was a line item on the bid for traffic control.
3) 2027-2028 Projects S. Market Ave. project update – Nissley reported that stormwater planning and pedestrian easement work is in progress.
4) 5-Year Street and Alley Plan – Nissley presented a revised 5-year plan which moves Locust Ln, Midway Rd and Richland Ln from 2029 to 2031 to give time to complete necessary stormwater system upgrades. N Plum St was placed in the schedule for 2029. Committee approved and motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to move the revised street plan to Council.
5) Chapter 232 Revisions – Nothing to report
6) Hometown Hero Banner MOU – Committee discussed the draft MOU and asked staff to review. Mayor Bradley suggested having a central location to keep MOU's for easy reference.
7) Handicap Ramps at Lakes walking trail – a letter was sent to the HOA on September 15 with a deadline of compliance by October 30, 2026. staff did not receive a response. Committee discussed what to do if HOA do not comply. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to move to Council to ask the Solicitor what tools are at our disposal to get compliance from an HOA
8) 2nd Street relocation – Committee discussed whether there are any testing locations on the Raise 28 property. Deering will check with the Raise 28 director.
9) Springville Rd sidewalk discussion – Springville Rd is exempted from curbs and sidewalks. Deering commented there is a fair amount of pedestrian traffic and suggested that Springville Rd should be removed from the exemption list. Haigh asked that staff check the ROW and street width and report back to Committee in October.

4. Stormwater

1) Pink Alley SCM Discussion – Haigh discussed options for enlarging the basin to alleviate downstream flooding. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave Have Rettew do a Drainage Area Delineation and Basin Routing for Pink Alley
2) Grandview Park Discussion next steps – No new information, Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to move to Council to file a formal dispute against CRA for Grandview Park drainage area.
3) Westview Park Stormwater Hydrology and Storage Discussion – Committee discussed options for stormwater storage. Motion by Haigh, seconded by Trave to have Rettew look at a basin in the southwest corner of the park with the pipe coming from Donegal Springs Rd going directly into the basin. What benefit would this provide for the issue at Florin Ave. and how much could this basin hold?
4) Locust Lane Stormwater Hydrology – Haigh asked who at Rettew is doing these reports. Haigh stated there are errors on the Westview and Locust Ln reports. The Committee agreed that a meeting should be set up with a Rettew representative, Committee Chair Deering and Manager Pugliese to discuss some recent errors. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to have Rettew provide a full analysis of the drainage area flowing to Locust Ln basin.
5) Locust Lane basin NOV – No update

6) 825 Terrace Avenue Hydrology – Haigh stated the calculations are wrong for the time of concentration and the Bruce Ave report is not correct. Haigh will provide an email stating what he feels is wrong to be forwarded to Rettew.
7) Detwiler Ave. stormwater hydrology and pipe sizing – Committee determined to have staff install an 18 inch pipe from Detwiler Ave to the inlet on the hill in Borough Park with a manhole or inlet at Park Alley. Staff is to provide costs for the materials for this project at the October PW meeting.
8) Mount Joy Country Homes Discussion – Haigh reported that there are many deficiencies at the Mount Joy Country Homes basins including weeds, cattails, tall grass, trees, and not certain the skimmer is working. Haigh commented on the length of time since work has been done and Ordinance changes should be considered.
9) Borough rain gauges – Haigh asked if the rain gauge has been installed at FDMJ.
10) Florin Hill "Agreement of Completion" – Haigh stated that stormwater facilities in phases 1 & 2 need to comply with rate and volume control. He stated that underground facilities were not installed to plan.
11) Stormwater Capital Planning – Nissley presented a spreadsheet that laid out plans for completing Locust Ln stormwater pipe upgrades over the next couple years with some done by borough staff, some pipes being lined and some pipes being replaced under contract. Haigh asked to Hill Street to Church Street stormwater to the priority list of projects and have that list on the October PW meeting agenda.

5. Public Works Facility property sale discussion. Review appraisal – After discussion, a motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to move the appraisal and PW facility sale to Council.

6. Approve sale of Public Works equipment on Municibid – Motion by Trave seconded by Haigh to move the sale of equipment resolution to Council.

7. Compost Site

1) Mount Joy Township request to continue use of compost facility – The Committee discussed the current rate. Staff will check what other municipalities are charging. Motion by Trave seconded by Haigh to check costs and move to Council to continue to receive leaves and yard waste from Mount Joy Township.

8. Grants

1) Local Share Grant for Hako machine. Received notice of award for $156,330.00. – Nissley explained thar a machine is in stock and available but we cannot move to purchase it until the grant funds are received. Committee asked to check if there will be any model changes and if signing the Notice of Intent would negate the grant.
2) Review costs for Connects 2040 grant for School Lane Transportation Project – After discussion about the costs of the grant, motion was made by Haigh seconded by Trave to recommend to Council to reject the Connects 2040 grant

9. Public Works Director Position – Committee reviewed a marked up copy of the description and directed staff to develop a clean copy and send it to the labor attorney to review. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave that after review by attorney move the job description to Council to be advertised in-house for 5 days and then to the public until October 30, 2026.

10. 2027 Budget – Haigh commented on the 2027 – 2028 street budgets that have big projects but are light on seal coat. Haigh suggested Public Works should have more staff and should consider hiring one more person to get projects done.

V. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD - Comments of **Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner**. Time limit of three minutes per individual. - None

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

VII. ADJOURN – Motion by Trave seconded by Haigh to adjourn at 11:53 PM