

Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2015
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bower, Councilor Mowrer; Councilor Seidel

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, Scott Hershey, Borough Manager, Council President Glessner, Councilor Deering, Brian Brubaker, Parks Superintendent, Diane McComsey, Kim Brewer, Bruce Haigh

1) HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

- A. Diane McComsey asked if private landscape contractors working for Borough residents are allowed to dump debris at the compost site.
 - 1. Manager Hershey responded that there is a policy in place that permits landscape contractors whose businesses are located within the Borough and who are doing work for Borough residents to drop at the site for a set fee. The Committee agreed to discuss this matter further under the agenda item for the Compost site.
- B. Kim Brewer inquired about whether Main Street Mount Joy could use the parking lot at St Marks and the Borough portion of the lot for tables for the yard sale.
 - 1. The committee responded that they had no problem with it, but that Kim should contact St Marks Church to make sure they do not have any events planned for that day and for permission to use the parking lot.
- C. Josh Deering inquired if there will be a website available to monitor the progress of the manufactured gas plant remediation.
 - 1. Nissley responded that he would make a contact to find out
- D. Josh Deering inquired if the banner poles have been corrected.
 - 1. Nissley responded that changes have been made and the poles are ready for the next banner.
- E. Josh Deering inquired about the progress of the sign survey
 - 1. Nissley responded that the survey is still in process and not yet complete.
- F. Josh Deering inquired about the Oil/water separator tank at the Public Works facility

1. Nissley responded that the new tank is installed and in use.

G. Josh Deering inquired about the signalization project status

1. Nissley reported that there is nothing new since the report at last week's council meeting; Nissley will contact the engineer to check the status.

H. Chairman Bower suggested that in the future, in the interest of time, the first session of Hearing of Any Citizen Concerns should be limited to agenda items only. The committee agreed to this suggestion.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the March 9, 2015. Approved as presented.

3) ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Storm Water Management

1) Nissley reported that the MS4 report had been a priority for the past month.

The stormwater officer will be focusing his attention on the 5 year plan.

2) The committee reinforced their recommendation to continue to fund storm water management from the General Fund.

B. Results from monthly stream testing.

1) There was a brief discussion about whether to continue stream testing. The committee recommended that the stream testing continue until a full year of testing is complete. A suggestion was made to contact a local college or Donegal High School science department to see if they would be interested in doing the testing. Josh Bower will contact Donegal School District.

2. Parks

A. Tennis Courts at Borough Park

1. Nissley informed the committee that the tennis courts have been permanently closed due to safety issues, and suggested that the committee begin to think about possible uses for the area. Parking was suggested, which would need a net to protect cars from foul balls. The committee suggested that MJAA be contacted to see if they would have ideas about how the area could be used to benefit their programs. The committee also asked Public Works staff to provide cost estimates to demolish the courts.

3. Budget

- A. Nissley reported that one public works employee has resigned and staff is in the process of hiring a replacement.
- 4. Equipment/Facilities
 - A. Florin Station
 - 1) Nissley presented quotes to renovate Florin Station to use the large meeting room for equipment storage space for Parks Department. The committee decided to table the matter until a later time.
 - B. Nissley informed the committee of costs to remove and repair damaged siding on the Borough office building. It was determined that funds for that work were included in the 2015 budget.
- 5. Streets and Alleys
 - A. West Henry Street
 - 1) Nissley reported that staff is still working on costs to resurface.
 - B. Bruce Avenue
 - 1) Nissley reported that because of the condition of the street, the 2015 cost estimates for the oil and chip project are higher than budgeted. A double coat application is required which is approximately \$3700.00 more than budgeted. Nissley reported that there are expected savings on the Apple Alley paving project and those savings could be used to offset the additional cost of the oil and chip process. The committee agreed to move forward with the double coat of oil and chip.
 - C. Apple Alley and Pink Alley
 - 1) Nissley reported that a savings will be realized on Apple Alley because the Authority will be purchasing the materials to resurface the alley, as part of the project to install a new water line to the booster station.
 - D. Florin Hill Street Dedication
 - 1) The committee discussed possibilities of Phase 1 street dedication. There was discussion about a longer warranty on Melhorn Drive and Merchant Drive that would need to be used to access Phases 2 and 3 until 95% of those areas have been built out. The committee directed staff to reach out to Charter Homes to initiate that discussion. It was also suggested that Charter Homes be reminded that Borough streets are not to be used by construction vehicles to access Florin Hill development.

6. Compost Site

- A. Following further discussion of Ms. McComsey's request for her landscape contractor to be permitted to dispose of debris generated by work done on her property, the committee decided that landscaping contractors working in the Borough for Borough residents, will be allowed to dispose of the material at the compost site during regular open hours for the same fees that were adopted by resolution for landscape contractors whose businesses are located in the Borough.

7. Union School Rd./Crossroads Church Project

- A. The project is scheduled to begin in early May and be completed by June 30.
- B. The easement agreement with Cross Roads Church has been completed and recorded.

8. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Connection

- A. No new information

9. Marietta Ave. Bridge Replacement

- A. Nissley reported that the catenary poles were installed this past weekend.

10. Jacob Street bridge removal

- A. Nissley reported that engineering work has begun for the removal of the bridge.

11. Manufactured Gas Plant Environmental Remediation

- A. Concept plan
 - 1) The concepts provided by UGI/PPL were reviewed. The committee recommended concept #1, with one way going out onto Main Street.
 - 2) Hershey reported that emails from Bruce Haigh were forwarded to ARRO and PPL/UGI for their input.

12. Rail Enhancement Phase 2

- A. Hershey reviewed a memo sent to the committee outlining PennDOT's request that the Borough be the bidding agent for phase 2 of the rail enhancement project. Hershey reported that the Borough assumed this role for Phase 1 of the project. He reported that an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Borough and PennDOT would need to be created and that Council would have to approve it prior to moving forward.
- B. The committee raised some concerns about noise when the work begins on the project and whether the Borough has the ability to enforce noise ordinances with Amtrak.

4) HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

- A. Bruce Haigh asked if we are doing gauging when doing stream testing. He also suggested that we should not test for things that are not in the MS4.

- B. Bruce Haigh asked if street sweeping could be done in conjunction with trash pick up so that people would know that the street would be swept the same day that their trash is picked up. Nissley responded that the schedule needs to be more flexible than that and the sweeper may not be able to complete an entire quadrant in one day.
 - C. Josh Deering asked if the Borough is asking Charter Homes to rebuild more streets because of damage.
 - D. Josh Deering asked if the Public Works technician job opening was posted on the website.
 - E. Josh Deering reported that in reference to Hopewell Street and the concept plans for the manufactured gas plant, Public Safety committee wants to wait and see how the signalization project affects the area streets.
 - F. Josh Deering asked what will happen if East Donegal Township opens up more acreage at the Reserves for development.
 - G. Josh Deering asked what Florin Park is being used for.
- 5) ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE- none
 - 6) Public Works Committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:10 PM and came out of Executive Session at 9:20 PM. No decisions followed the Executive Session.
 - 7) Council President Glessner encouraged Committee members to speak with Authority Manager, John Leaman about upcoming projects that the Authority has planned.
 - 8) There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.