



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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Mowrer; Councilor Seidel arrived at 7:10 PM
Chairman Bower was unable to attend

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM. No decisions or action were taken until Councilor Seidel arrived at 7:10 PM.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director; Scott Hershey, Borough Manager; Brian Brubaker, Parks Superintendent; Councilor Deering

I. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

1. None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the June 8, 2015 meeting. Approved as presented.

III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Results from monthly stream testing

- 1) The committee reviewed and briefly discussed the stream testing. The test numbers were all in the acceptable ranges.

B. Report on Rain Barrel Workshop

- 1) Nissley reported that 41 rain barrels were sold prior to the workshop and 3 are still available to sell. About 15 people attended the workshop. Others just came to pick up their rain barrel. 2 volunteers from Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance were at the workshop to help.

C. Review Storm Water Budget

- 1) Nissley pointed out that a \$1000.00 annual contribution to the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance was added to the budget. The reasons for contributing are to indicate a level of commitment to the organization, and bring activities and events to the Borough. Partnering with other municipalities is looked on very favorably by

DEP. The ability to be included in grant applications with the larger organization is enhanced.

2. Parks

A. Tennis Court removal/Pavilion costs

- 1) Nissley reported that the cost of a 16'x20' pavilion is \$8624.00. The estimated cost of construction of that pavilion is \$11,893.00. For an approximate cost of \$21,000.00.
- 2) The committee suggested talking to MJAA about helping to pay for the new pavilion.
- 3) The committee asked for an estimated cost to demolish the tennis courts.

B. Kids Joy Land update

- 1) Nissley reported that he and Brian Brubaker met with Kids Joy Land committee members to discuss schedule and material planning. A planning day is scheduled for July 21 that includes representatives from Leathers, Joy Land committee, Borough, and others that will be involved with the construction.
- 2) Excavating, grading and compacting is tentatively planned for the week of August 10th.
- 3) A request about painting the shed at the playground was discussed, the committee felt that more information and a more detailed drawing of the finished product should be submitted before they can approve the artwork on the shed.

C. Gateway Park stone arch

- 1) A stone arch at Gateway Park has been recently inhabited by someone. Public Works placed large stones inside the arch. Nissley reported that staff is getting prices for a steel bar enclosure that would also add structural stability to the arch. At present the arch is deteriorating and pieces of stone are gradually falling in.

3. Budget

A. Parks Maintenance Technician hiring

- 1) Nissley reported that 16 applications have been received to date for a Parks Maintenance Technician position that is opening up in August. A few of the applicants when contacted and informed about the wages, were no longer interested. The goal is to have the position filled prior to mid-August when the present employee leaves.

- 2) Nissley reported that the Borough received reimbursement from Penn DOT for “sever winter adjustment” of \$7086.32
- 3) The committee recommended that Public Works include an additional employee in the budget, with one fulltime employee dedicated to Stormwater enforcement and system management.
- 4) The committee discussed the challenges of hiring and retaining good long term employees due to the pay level and recent increase in insurance costs.

4. Equipment/Facilities

A. Florin Station Rental

- 1) Nissley reported that the tenant at the Florin Station has given notice that they will be vacating the building by the end of the year.

B. Sidewalk Ordinance Waivers

- 1) Two requests have been submitted for waivers to the sidewalk ordinance relating to downspouts going through the sidewalks to the street. One request is from Harvey’s BBQ at 304 East Main Street, and one request is from Jay Eberly 214 W. Main Street. Both property owners are requesting relief from the restrictions for downspouts in the sidewalk. The Committee agreed to recommend that Borough Council grant the waivers.

5. Streets and Alleys

- A. Nissley reported that staff met with the Mt Joy Township engineer to discuss improvements to Old Market Street. He will be developing specs and an estimate of costs for budgeting purposes.
- B. Nissley reported that Desmond Construction has inquired about dedication of the perimeter streets at the Lakes Development. The entire subdivision is at a little over 50% build-out. The Committee recommended that the same extended warranty option could be discussed with Desmond as was discussed with Charter Homes at Florin Hill.

6. Compost Site

- A. Nissley reported that the Borough Authority is planning to build a new water plant on a portion of the compost site. This will require Public Works to rearrange how we use the space. There will still be sufficient space at the current location to continue to operate the compost site.

7. Union School Rd./Crossroads Church Project

- A. Nissley reported that the project is substantially complete, pay apps have been received in time for processing for grant fund reimbursement from the County.
 - B. All of the stormwater work and the project at Crossroads Church has been approved.
 - C. The paving on Union School Road has not been approved by Borough staff, ARRO or PennDOT because of rough and uneven areas. Notice has been given to Farhat Excavating that portions of the road need to be repaved. Farhat is refusing to repave, saying that existing conditions related to a water line trench contributed to the uneven surface.
8. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian connection
- A. Borough staff is working on acquiring the necessary right-of-way and temporary construction easements for the project.
 - B. Application for funding through Smart Growth Transportation Fund or Transportation Assistance Fund will be submitted by July 31, 2015.
9. Marietta Ave. Bridge Replacement
- A. Nissley read a report from the engineering firm for the project, the work is proceeding fairly well and they are still anticipating completion of the project by late this year.
10. Jacob Street bridge removal
- A. The Borough received 50% plans for demolition and the cost is now estimated at \$500,000.00. If the Borough is successful in getting TIP funding, the estimated cost to the Borough would be 5% or \$25,000.00.
11. Rail Enhancement Phase 2
- A. Nissley reported that PennDOT will be the bidding agent for the project. Staff is working on getting an intergovernmental agreement and a maintenance agreement with PennDOT for the train station and parking areas.

IV. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

- 1. Councilor Deering inquired about whether Elizabethtown College will be assisting with the stream testing. Councilor Seidel said that he had not had any additional communication with Elizabethtown College representative since the June Public Works meeting.
- 2. Councilor Deering asked where the surface water will go if Harvey's BBQ does install an outdoor dining area.
- 3. Councilor Deering asked how many homes still need to be constructed on the streets that Desmond Construction is considering for dedication.

V. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

- 1. The committee asked for a review of the 2016 budget at the August meeting.

2. The committee suggested that a 3% wage increase for staff be calculated in the 2016 budget and that they would like to see the most recent wage survey report.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER

1. There was no need for an executive session.

VII. ADJOURN

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM