



**Borough of Mount Joy**  
**Public Works Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2015**  
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Seidel, Councilor Mowrer, Councilor Ginder

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director; Scott Hershey, Borough Manager; John E. Geltmacher; Councilor Deering; Councilor Youngerman

**I. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS:**

1. John E. Geltmacher 327 Bridge Boulevard expressed his concern about the expense of installing curbs and sidewalks on his property. He suggested that there is very minimal pedestrian traffic on his side of Bridge Boulevard. The Committee suggested that Mr. Geltmacher should communicate and join with his neighbors and bring some alternative ideas for the Committee to consider.
2. Councilor Deering asked if Wenger Feeds and Cargill have any accountability for the damage to Bridge Boulevard because the majority of the traffic is for those businesses.
3. Councilor Deering Reported for the resident at 642 Wood Street that they would have an additional 200 feet of sidewalk and inquired if any slips or falls on the sidewalk would be the responsibility of the property owner.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the October 13, 2015 meeting.**

**III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1. Storm Water**

**A. Borough Basin as it relate to Florin Hill - Release of funds**

- 1) The Committee moved to forward the request for a reduction of \$9,381.50 on Letter of Credit # D006898 for Florin Hill to the Borough Council for approval. This will leave \$3,081.50 for the future removal of the stone filter berm and re-seeding if necessary in the spring.

**2. Parks**

**A. Fence along Barbara Street**

- 1) Nissley reported that residents have expressed concern about people parking along the east side of North Barbara Street and children running across the street to go to Kids Joy Land. Some have suggested additional fencing along the Park property. The Committee felt that additional fencing will not alleviate the problem because parking on North Barbara Street is the closest place to park to access the playground. Nissley suggested looking into more and better signage to warn motorists about the playground. The Committee asked staff to explore this option. Nissley will also check about a possible crosswalk and the necessary sight distance for that.

**B. Lighting at Kids Joy Land**

- 1) Nissley reported a suggestion for additional lighting at Kids Joy Land for security reasons. The Committee felt that the lighting is adequate, but staff should check on the cost of an additional decorative type light at the south side of the playground.

### 3. Budget

#### A. Review Draft Budget

- 1) The committee discussed the reasons for moving all of the street lighting into the Highway Aid budget. Hershey responded that street lighting can be paid from Highway Aid and would offset pre construction costs that the Borough needs to spend for the Marietta Avenue project that are not eligible for Highway Aid. Councilor Seidel asked if money not spent in 2015 can be designated for street lighting in 2016 so we don't need to use Highway Aid fund for street lighting.
- 2) Councilor Mowrer suggested that staff revisit the costs versus benefits of street light conversion to LED. The Committee directed staff to check with PPL and other sources about options for street light conversion.
- 3) The Committee directed staff to review the items that could be paid from Highway Aid Fund for the Jacob Street bridge removal.
- 4) Questions came up about 446,200 Stormwater Management – Materials and Supplies. Why does it show a positive balance as if no money was spent from that category?
- 5) The Committee asked staff to prioritize what items could be cut from the budget if necessary.

### 4. Equipment/Facilities

#### A. Florin Station

- 1) The Committee reviewed an exhibit that Nissley presented that showed the amount of square footage in use at Florin Station and what would need to be added to Public Works building to replace that space. Nissley also expressed a need for more space for equipment storage. The Committee asked for the total square footage at the Public Works building and the cost for adding one bay at the Public Works building.
- 2) Hershey reported that he had a meeting with representatives from the Mount Joy Food Bank about availability of space at Florin Station. The Food Bank is not interested in moving to Florin Station.

### 5. Streets and Alleys

#### A. Nissley reported on the street projects that are in the planning stages for 2016.

- 1) West Henry Street - \$50,000.00 regrade and pave, \$25,000.00 – stormwater
- 2) Bridge Boulevard - \$168,000.00 Rebuild, repave, new storm pipe
- 3) Bruce Avenue - \$14,000.00 oil and chip
- 4) Peach Alley – Pave gravel alley, pay from General Fund – Street and Alley Maintenance

#### B. Nissley reported that the front sidewalk at 55 Marietta Avenue was reconstructed by the bridge contractor as part of the bridge replacement project. The property has a downspout pipe in the sidewalk and this was replaced as it had existed. Staff contacted the property owner to inform them that the Borough ordinance restricts stormwater being directed onto the street. The property owner has requested a waiver due to the lack of a side yard at the discharge point and also because of a prior sinkhole in the area of the front porch. The Committee moved to have the waiver request be presented to Borough Council for approval at the December 7, 2015 Borough Council meeting.

### 6. Compost Site

7. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian connection
  - A. Nissley reported that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) has recommended the Marietta Avenue Pedestrian Improvement project to the Municipal Planning Organization (MPO) for the 2017-2018 Smart Growth Transportation (SGT) funding.
8. Marietta Ave. Bridge Replacement – Nothing new to report
9. Jacob Street bridge removal – Nothing new to report
10. Rail Enhancement Phase 2
  - A. Nissley reported that the property owner at 13 East Donegal Street has complained about train commuters using the parking spaces in front of his property. At least one train commuter has reported that this same property owner has instructed them not to park on public parking spaces.
11. Manufactured Gas Plant-Proposed Park Plan – Nothing new to report

#### IV. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

1. Councilor Deering asked if Charter Homes will be asked to pay for repairs to North Plum Street, Church Street and Water Street because of construction traffic that is using those streets to access Florin Hill development. A suggestion was made that barriers could be installed to limit all traffic access to Florin Hill via those streets. On further discussion about Florin Hill street usage and dedication, Hershey reported that he confirmed with legal council that it is not legal to access a public street from a private street. Nissley will check with the Zoning Officer about any agreement that may be recorded about the construction entrance for Florin Hill.
2. Councilor Deering expressed his concerns about granting another waiver for the downspout ordinance.

#### V. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

1. Nissley reported that he is planning a vacation on January 20-26, 2016.

#### VI. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.