

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 7, 2007

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, August 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Johnson and Commissioners Felix, Klunk, Stauffer and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Engineer Bortner and Highway Foreman Mahan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Johnson announced that an executive session to discuss a personnel issue was held following the Finance Committee meeting on August 6, 2007.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Henry Johnson, 210 Oak Hills Circle, requested something be done to Oak Hills Circle road because his curb is 11 ½ inches to 13 inches above the road surface which prevents him from correctly parking his vehicle and unloading passengers. He stated that he has requested numerous times over the last seven years to have the problem corrected. He has lived there for seventeen years. The neighbors stated that this was the way the road was constructed twenty-seven years ago. Engineer Bortner stated that the long-range plan has an overlay scheduled for this road in 2008. Engineer Bortner stated that he has met with Mr. Johnson several years ago and did some work there to help alleviate the situation. Engineer Bortner indicated that he does not know why the road was built that way. The Committee discussed their options and what if anything could be done. It was suggested that Engineer Bortner meet with Mr. Johnson and see if anything could be done immediately before the overlay and if not, try and have the overlay completed early in 2008.

BLACK ROCK/GRANDVIEW/BREEZEWOOD UPDATE: Engineer Bortner reported that Kinsley should have the new section of Breezewood Drive paved next week and traffic redirected the week of August 20, 2007.

PENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Engineer Bortner stated that the Martin's Ridge contractors should be starting the stone base on Beck Mill Road shortly and have the road reopened about August 20, 2007. Whispering Run has completed the sanitary sewer installation for phase one and has started the storm sewer installation. The water company will start installing the water lines shortly. High Pointe is expecting to start construction along Grandview Road near the Community Park in September.

SOUTH HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION: The Committee received a request dated July 31, 2007 from Hanover Land Services on behalf of J.A. Myers for a waiver of the sidewalk requirements for South Heights Subdivision along Westminster and Cooper Roads. The Committee recommended denying the request.

2008 OVERLAY SCHEDULE: The Committee reviewed the proposed 2008 overlay schedule. There was some concern that Pigeon Hill Park road was on again since it was paved in 1999. Engineer Bortner stated that the paving that was done has not held up because of the logging activity and bad weather and should be resurfaced. Maple Lane will need to be reconstructed since nothing has been done to the road since 1967. Engineer Bortner stated that, due to the reconstruction of some of the proposed roads, it may be difficult to stay within ten percent of last years budget.

MUMMA'S BURIAL GROUND: Manager Garvick reported that the Township maintains a small plot of land at 835 York Street known as Mumma's burial ground. The Township received this property by default when the ownership of the cemetery could not be traced and the property needed to be maintained. Currently there are two trees that are dead or dying and they need to be removed. The issue has resurfaced because the neighbors complained about bagworms in the trees (which were not apparent upon inspection by the Township). The trees are intermingled with utility wires. The Committee suggested that Manager Garvick get a quote on how much it would cost to remove the trees and then decide if they should be removed.

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP: Commissioner Klunk stated that the Adams County Transportation Improvement Plan has \$2 million set aside for the Eisenhower Drive extension and improvement project. The Township received a letter from Adams County Planning Commission that was sent to Conewago Township and suggested that Penn send a letter to all the copied parties stating that Penn Township supports the project for the entire area. The Committee recommended a letter be sent.

PAVING PROJECTS: Engineer Bortner reported that he is finishing up the prep work in Country Side Estates for this year's paving projects and will contact Kinsley about paving the area in the next few weeks.

BRUSH AND LIMB: Engineer Bortner reported there is brush and limbs out from the storm on Friday but they expect that there will be substantially more out by August 13, 2007.

OPEN HOUSE: Manager Garvick stated that an open house at the new public works facility could be held before the end of the year, probably in October. Staff will plan a date that least conflicts with the bustling schedule of the public works crew. The department is not yet completely moved into the new facility and the busy seasonal schedule is compounding the problem.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager