

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 5, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Present were Vice Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Johnson, Prieber, and Heilman. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mahone, Public Works Foreman Mahan and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 1, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as corrected.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Edward Jenkins, 316 Azalea Drive, expressed concern about the "trash" (road fill) being dumped in Youngs Woods, the proposed plans for ball field in Young's Woods; and why the Township removed a tree. The Commissioners politely listened to Mr. Jenkins and explained to him that the Township does not plan to pursue any improvements to Youngs Woods in 2008 but would revisit the development of the park with the discussion of the 2009 budget. They also explained that the road fill would be placed there until the Township has a need for it.

BREEZEWOOD & OAKHILLS PROJECTS: Engineer Bortner stated that there has been another increase in the price of asphalt and it is now about \$834 a ton. In March it was \$364 a ton. The cost estimates he has provided the Committee for the work to be done on Breezewood Drive made an assumption of \$800 a ton. The increase would add \$3,000 to the project. The 2008 budget was prepared assuming \$500 a ton. Manager Garvick stated that they are going to try to proceed with a double seal coat on Breezewood Drive and single seal coat on Oak Hills Drive and Circle. He stated that they are working with Manheim Township on the projects. This is a temporary fix for the roads and will not last long term.

YORK RAILROAD CROSSING REPAIR: Manager Garvick reported he would be meeting with representatives from the York Railroad Company on Monday to discuss the railroad crossing at Popular and Pine streets, which lies on the Township line with the Hanover Borough. The Borough is proposing that if the railroad lifts the tracks the Borough will pave it with the railroad resetting the tracks once the work is complete. The railroad will not let anybody maintain the crossing and any other repair work has been conducted by the railroad. Manager Garvick will provide the Committee a report following the meeting.

GREENLINE INDUSTRIES: Manager Garvick reported that Greenline Industries made a request for a waiver of the land development requirements for additional paving. The Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation on this request with several stipulations including that storm water calculations were supplied to the Township Engineer and that a recorded right of way was included on the drawings supplied. None of the recommendations have been completed and therefore the request has not yet been forwarded for the Commissioners approval.

2009 STREET CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: Manager Garvick stated that he has contacted the department heads about preparing the 2009 budget and would like some direction from the Committee on which road construction projects they would like to pursue. The budget will be prepared in the next month or two. Engineer Bortner stated he did not see a correlation between the cost of diesel fuel and the cost of asphalt. They are projecting the cost of asphalt to continue to rise.

GRANDVIEW ROAD: Engineer Bortner reported that the developers of High Pointe are suggesting that they would like to close Grandview Road again to do additional work for the development. The committee is not enamored by the idea of completely closing off Grandview but made no recommendation as to an alternative.

RECREATION: Manager Garvick reported that Public Works has continued to take care of the township's recreation facilities and usage has been up at the Community Park and Young's Woods. He stated that eventually they would like to build additional pavilions at the Community Park. It was suggested that some local organizations might want to sponsor a new pavilion. Manager Garvick stated that once the sanitary sewer is available it would greatly improve the Community Park.

COMMUNITY MAP: It was noted that an electronic map is being forwarded to the Community Map people and that they have been contacted about proceeding. It is anticipated that solicitation of sponsors will commence in early October.

2009 RECREATION: Engineer Bortner was concerned about what projects the Committee may have for the 2009 budget year with regards to recreation. Manager Garvick stated that Brenda Black contacted the Township about improvements to the park and that he could contact her about some landscaping improvements. It was noted a light at the Arbor Lane recreation area might help alleviate some of the criminal activity that has been occurring there.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager