

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 2, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Heilman, Rewa, and Prieber. Commissioner Johnson was absent without notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers and Highway Foreman Mahan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 3, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner reported that the Township received the 2006 & 2007 York County Bridge Inspection Reports for the Karen Lane Bridge, along with the 2007 Reports on the Blettner Avenue and Ridge Avenue bridges. Mr. Bortner reported that the Karen Lane Bridge is being inspected more regularly because it is of similar design to the Lakeview Drive Bridge in Washington County, PA, which collapsed in December 2005, As a result of the collapse, the Karen Lane bridge life expectancy has also been reduced from 26 years to 10 years. The life expectancy of the Blettner Ave. and Ridge Ave. Bridges is still 26 years. The reports indicate a number of suggested maintenance improvements, which the Township will try to budget over the next few years.

Engineer Bortner also reported that PennDOT is planning a resurfacing project on Black Rock Road from Grandview to Hobart Road. Construction should begin next spring or summer.

HOMEWOOD at PLUM CREEK: The Committee received a request dated October 16, 2008 from Homewood at Plum Creek requesting a waiver of the land development requirements to construct an 11' x 13' x 14' extension to an existing building for storage area. The Planning Commission will review and make a recommendation on the request at its next meeting.

PARADISE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESS: The Committee received a request dated November 17, 2008 for a variance to relocate the fence surrounding the stormwater detention pond at the church on Paradise Court. The Planning Commission will review and make a recommendation on the request at its next meeting.

RECREATION MATTERS: The York County Rail Trail Authority recently approved the formation of a Trail Operations Committee to assist in the operations of the Hanover Trolley Trail. They are looking for someone from Penn to serve on this committee. The commissioners indicated they will provide a name for the Authority.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager