

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 6, 2009

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Heilman, Rewa, and Prieber. Also present were Manager Garvick, Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Highway Foreman Mahan and Waste Water Superintendent Mahone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber announced an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters was held following the Finance Meeting on January 5, 2009. There was also an executive session held prior to the Public Works Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 2, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

ICING PROBLEMS: Engineer Bortner presented the proposed Park Hills Manor land development plan for review. He stated that there is an icing problem at the intersection of Manor and Hammond. This plan will help correct the problem at the intersection but not on Hammond Avenue. The plan will have two four-unit townhouses on the site. Engineer Bortner explained the existing conditions that create the icing problems, which include homeowners pumping water into the street from their basements. Manager Garvick noted that there are other areas of the Township where similar problems occur. Some of the problems have been corrected by connecting pipes directly into the storm drains. The concern is to get the water off the street to prevent any liability. They also reviewed problems on Grandview Road, Timber Lane, S. Blettner Avenue and Hartman Avenue. The problems along Grandview, Northview and Timber Lane could be solved with a cooperative property owner. Engineer Bortner stated that most of Timber Lane has settled. Hartman and Blettner Avenues do not have storm sewer near them. There was some discussion about clearing the creeks near the streets but that would require permitting from the state. Manager Garvick stated that they would need to review the Township ordinances for regulating the directing of water from private property into the street.

CRACK SEALER: The Township received notice that it has been approved for funding in the amount of \$10,000 toward the purchase of a crack sealer. The Township included \$35,000 in the 2009 budget for the purchase of a new crack sealer. Engineer Bortner stated this would make it easier for scheduling the work on slower days than trying to rent the equipment when it is available.

ANITA MILLER LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN: The Committee received a request dated December 18, 2008 from Anita Miller requesting a waiver of the requirement for a feasibility report on sewer and water facilities and environmental impact studies for a Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Engineer Bortner stated the previous subdivision plan had issues with the ownership of Lark Avenue. This plan is a subdivision that would create one lot with the house on it and another with the remaining property to be used for future development. The ownership of the road will not be an issue until development is proposed on the property. The Penn Township Planning Commission will review the request.

TROY LEIPOLD: The Committee received a request dated December 23, 2008 from Troy Leipold requesting a waiver of the residential sidewalk and street lighting requirements for 32 Hill Street. The Planning Commission will review the sidewalk waiver request. Manager Garvick suggested that they deny a waiver of the residential lighting requirements. There was some discussion about requiring sidewalk along with the other property owners who do not have sidewalk on Hill Street. The property owner pays for the installation of the sidewalk. The Committee recommended a temporary waiver of the sidewalk requirements pending recommendation by the Planning Commission. The Committee recommended not waiving the lighting requirements.

#### RECREATION MATTERS:

YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL AUTHORITY: Manager Garvick reported that the York County Rail Trail Authority was looking for a representative from the Township to serve on a Trail Operations Committee to assist in the operations of the Hanover Trolley Trail. The Committee meets quarterly and Manager Garvick has submitted his name for consideration. They are looking to have eight members but currently only have six and are looking for representation from Hanover Borough and Spring Grove Borough. Manager Garvick stated that they are hoping to one have meeting on a Friday morning each quarter.

TREE TRIMMING FOR YOUNG'S WOODS: Manager Garvick reported that one estimate was received for the removal and trimming of some trees at Youngs Woods. The estimate was for \$4,300. He reported that they would get a few more estimates. They have received some complaints about the trees.

HEALTHY YORK COUNTY COALITION: Manager Garvick reported that he received correspondence from the Healthy York County Coalition requesting to expand their program to the Community Park. Last year they placed a letterbox at Youngs Woods, which was utilized by many of their participants for their summer program. They now would like to set up something at the Community Park that would require each visitor to make an etching of the marker. They refer to them as creativity stations. The members would collect a certain number of these etchings. There would be no maintenance but Manager Garvick would like to find a different spot other than what is proposed by the coalition.

UK SOCCER CAMP: The Committee received a request from the UK Soccer Camp asking for the use of the Community Park soccer field to hold soccer camps for children. The organization is a for-profit business and charges a fee to participants and is willing to pay for the use of the field. The Hanover Soccer Club does currently use the soccer field heavily. The Committee suggested exploring further the organization and its services.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager