

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7:03 following a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, Prieber, and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan, and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mahone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Denise Koons and Donald Small, 661 Baer Avenue, requested that something be done to repair the storm water inlet located in the alley behind their house. There is a hole in the alley next to the inlet and it appears that the inlet wall is collapsing. Engineer Bortner stated that he already meet with Mr. Small and Eric is concerned because the alley is not a dedicated street or R-O-W. Mr. Small stated that the Township installed the grate that is over top where the junction box is deteriorating. Mr. Small stated that he came into the Township sometime in the late 1980's or early 1990's and asked that it be repaired and it was. There was some discussion about if the alley needs to be maintained by the Township. Manager Garvick stated that the Township has had the First Class Township Code interrupted by three different Solicitor's about what action the Township can take in alleys. They have determined that the Township cannot perform work in roadways in which they do not have R-O-W's or have not been dedicated to the Township. Ms. Koons stated she talked to PennDOT's Michael O'Keefe about the First Class Township Code and it was Mr. O'Keefe's opinion that the Township should maintain the alley. Commissioner Goldsmith stated that they would have the current Township Solicitor revisit the interpretation of the First Class Township Code. Mr. Goldsmith stated that the Commissioners could not give Ms. Koons an answer immediately but would continue to discuss and review the situation. Ms. Koons stated that she would be requesting the Township provide her any information about the alley and the work done in it. Ron Leese, the owner of the garage adjacent to the Baer Avenue, stated that the alley was tarred and chipped by the Township and the brick around the grate was fixed by the Township sometime in the seventy's or eighties.

WILLIAMS ROCKIES PIPELINE PROJECT: Engineer Bortner reported that he has received correspondence from Williams about a proposed natural gas pipeline corridor that may run through the township in the vicinity of the Pigeon Hills. Engineer Bortner will examine the request to see if there is any information that would be useful to them.

GROUP HANOVER: The Committee received a request dated January 11, 2008 from Group Hanover, Inc. for a waiver of a land development plan for Hanover Foods Inc. to install a two-story addition on an existing flagstone patio. Engineer Bortner stated that he is not aware of any Hanover Foods Corp. land development plan being submitted since he has been with the Township but the property drains to the swale on the north side of the property into the drainage system on Wilson Avenue. The Planning Commission will review the request at their next meeting.

C.S. DAVIDSON: The Committee received a request dated January 31, 2008 from C.S. Davidson for a waiver of the curbs and sidewalks for the ESAB Welding and Cutting Products land development plan. There is curbing on Wilson Avenue that ESAB installed in conjunction with the Wilson Avenue project but there is no curb or sidewalk along Karen

Lane. Typically in the Industrial Zone sidewalk is not required but curbing is. Karen Lane is composed of some industrial sites and several farms. The expansion will be for a sawdust collector. The Planning Commission will review the request at their next meeting.

GEORGE NEIDERER POOLS: The Committee received a request dated January 28, 2008 from George Neiderer Pools Inc. requesting a waiver of a land development plan to install a 35' x 40' parking lot for trucks and equipment and stone bins at 1016 York Street. The area is currently stoned. The Planning Commission will review the request at their next meeting.

BREEZEWOOD DRIVE RENAMING: Manager Garvick stated that he has prepared letters notifying those residents along the portion of Breezewood Drive from Grandview to the dead end that the name will be changed to Barrett Street. In addition he will be including moving guides from the post office. Manager Garvick stated that he would like to adopt the Resolution at the next Board of Commissioners meeting so that signs can be prepared.

SPRING GARDEN STREET: Engineer Bortner reported that a Resolution has been prepared for the sale of the Spring Garden Street property with a proposed bid opening date of March 4, 2008. A resolution will need to be adopted at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Manager Garvick reported that a bid package has been prepared and letters have been sent to local real estate agents notifying them that it will be out for bid.

BREEZEWOOD DRIVE: Commissioner Johnson questioned if the Chief Gilbert contacted the public works department about old Breezewood Drive. It was noted that reflectors have been installed and Highway Foreman Mahan has contacted Kinsley about removing the yellow lines when they can. There is a curve sign installed. The Committee suggested installing a temporary barricade.

CONCESSION STAND AT COMMUNITY PARK: The Committee received a request from an individual to operate a concession stand at the Community Park. The Committee received an opinion from the Township Solicitor on how to handle this type of venture for fees and licenses. The Committee recommended that any type of concession should be self-contained and be able to be driven from the site. It was decided that Manager Garvick would set up an appointment and talk with the vendor.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Manager Garvick discussed the Easter egg hunt and the problems we had at the last event. It was noted that it does take a considerable amount of time to prepare for the event and we did solicit help from South Western Service Club to stuff the eggs. The committee would like to see the egg hunt again this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager