

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 5, 2013

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Prieber, Klunk, Heilman, and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Supt. Mahone and Administrative Assistant Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Goldsmith announced that a personnel session was held following the Finance meeting on February 4, 2013,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 7, 2013 public works committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

CENTER STREET: Manager Garvick introduced Donald Krause and Roger Clark from McCormick Taylor (MT) to discuss the Center Street improvement project. Mr. Krause gave an update on the Center Street project, including the rights-of-way acquisition and other design issues. He reported that 8 of the 15 properties have either settled or indicated their intention to settle. Some of the properties owned by commercial interests may require acquisition by eminent domain.

He further explained the problems the project has been experiencing with the CSXT RR crossing. This crossing has been designed by McCormick Taylor and reviewed by CSXT four times, according to Mr. Clark. CSXT and its engineer, AECOM, are requiring having their property designed to accommodate a one hundred year storm event. This would require additional design by MT because it currently is being designed toward a ten-year storm. It would also require additional permitting and environmental studies. The design and construction would add costs and further delays to the project that were not anticipated. Mr. Krause stated that there had been a suggestion regarding breaking up the project into phases. He would not recommend this as being feasible because there would still be water issues affecting the rails and crossing. The proposed design should satisfy CSXT in every aspect except that of the 100-year storm design. The Township has been requested by AECOM to provide an additional \$26,400 in order for AECOM to review the plan and make recommendations to its client, CSXT.

MT has received over \$700,000 for engineering and design expenses so far for the project. The Board of Commissioners has been pursuing the project since 1993. Following discussion, the Committee recommended that MT respond to the latest set of review comments and the modified design be sent back to CSXT for a final review. If CSXT and AECOM reject the plan as submitted the committee will consider other options for the project, including PUC appeal and enlisting support from state and federal elected officials.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner reported he had several plans available for review if anyone wished to examine them.

HANOVER HOSPITAL: The Committee received a request dated December 13, 2012 from Core Design Group, representing Hanover Hospital, for a waiver of the land development requirement to install a concrete pad at the South Hanover Medical Center at 3130 Grandview Road.

Hanover Hospital is intending to establish a wound care center in one of the existing buildings but there has been concern because of the storm water runoff problems associated with this property. Reg Baugher, Hanover Land Services, presented a plan proposal showing three additional berms to the property to help direct the water flow on the property to the existing storm water collection facilities. Mr. Baugher stated that this plan would be similar to the improvements that would be shown on a land development plan. He noted that an inspection was made of the property during a heavy rain event on January 30th to see how the storm water system was working. Engineer Bortner stated that all the storm water seepage pits are onsite per the approved land development plan but are not working as designed since a large volume of water is being diverted from the inlets. According to Eric, there should be room in the existing pits for the additional water. The berms will direct the water to flow to the infiltration pits. There is a note included on the storm water plan that a berm will be constructed at the driveway entrance to help keep the water on Grandview Road. This will occur the next time paving is done at the site. Township Engineer Bortner stated that this design should help solve the current water problems. The committee will take the request under advisement.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT: The committee received a request dated December 28, 2012 from Center Point Engineering for three waivers of the land development requirements for South Western School District's Baresville Elementary land development plan. They are requesting waivers from the landscaping, volume controls of the storm water management ordinance, and waiver of the preliminary plan. Engineer Bortner stated that he did not have a problem with the waiver of the preliminary plan and that they would be using the existing landscaping. Commissioner Heilman expressed concern about the possibility of there being sink holes on the property. The Penn Township Planning Commission will be reviewing the request at their next meeting.

WEST NILE INFORMATION: Engineer Bortner noted that the West Nile enforcement officer for York County is sending out information that it is the responsibility of the municipality to prevent the construction of anything that could cause standing water. This is in direct opposition to the York County Conservation District and the York County Planning Commission who recommends and suggests what should be constructed to help with water retention and detention issues.

CLOVER LANE: Manager Garvick reported that Hanover Borough would be approving the Clover Lane right-of-way agreement at its meeting on February 27, 2013. PennDOT has already approved the permit pending resolution of the ROW issues. This was the last remaining obstacle as far as easement acquisition.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary