

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, Prieber, and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mahone, and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Goldsmith read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on March 17, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 4, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Michael Swartz, 5167 Grandview Road, expressed concern about the length of time Grandview and Beck Mill Roads were closed due to construct of improvements. Engineer Bortner stated that the streets were closed for the safety of the workers because of the installation of the sewer lines in the center of the street. This location is desirable because it does not conflict with the placement of other utilities normally found in the road shoulder. These include water, storm water, natural gas, electric, etc. Unfortunately, the placement of sanitary sewer in the center necessitates the closure of both lanes.

Paul Pisula, 4 Graybill Court, requested clarification regarding the development of the Parkville Fire Company property behind the existing fire hall and the "alley" that crosses the property. Bill and Ken Gouker are interested in purchasing the fire hall to store their products and vans relative to their cleaning business. The Goukers have a verbal agreement from the Fire Company to purchase the property. They would keep the social hall in its current condition and rent it out for similar social events. They would have no use for the additional land behind the fire hall, which Mr. Pisula would like to purchase and develop residentially. The ownership of the "alley" is a question mark. The Township's SD/LD Ordinance requires that every home constructed have access to a public street. Once the alley is acquired then the street would need to be brought up to Township specification if homes are constructed along it otherwise a variance or waiver would need to be requested. There would have to be some resolution on the ownership of the alley, in addition to a plan of some type being provided and consultation with the Township Zoning Officer about the proposed use before the Board would review any variances or exceptions to the Township's ordinances. The Gouker's would have no interest in the property if they could not sell or develop the land. The property is zoned R-15 and Mr. Pisula would like to create four building lots. There was some concern about the development of the land because of the current rationing of sewer connections. It was suggested a sketch be provided and a reviewed by the Penn Township Planning Commission.

BREEZEWOOD DRIVE OVERLAY: Engineer Bortner stated that he has reviewed the budgetary funding requirements in order to overlay Breezewood Drive this year. He felt the work should be done as soon as possible because of the increasing cost of black top. The Township just awarded bids for black top and it was \$2.30 more than last year's price. In addition, Mr. Bortner, felt that some of the funds for the project could be diverted from the account used to construct handicapped ramps because if the public works employees are working on Breezewood they would not have time to complete the ramp projects anyway. There would be about \$40,000 available from this area of the budget. There will have to be other areas of the

budget that would have to be cut or changed. Manager Garvick stated that he would work on having the budget amended or corrected so that it is compliance with the liquid fuels fund provisions for expenses. The Commissioners will be reviewing the first quarter revenues and expenses at the May finance meeting and will further address the issues of which projects to change. Engineer Bortner also stated that some of the work would be done with the help of Hanover Borough.

BECK MILL ROAD OVERLAY: Engineer Bortner stated that the current budget provides for a final overlay of Beck Mill Road. The developers would provide construction and base coat during the construction of their development projects. The Township would be providing the final overlay to complete the roads. He expects that the developers will not be completed with their work this year so those funds could be used to offset the costs of the Breezewood Drive overlay.

THORNBURY HUNT: The Committee received a request dated February 26, 2008, from Sharrah Design Group, Inc., for a waiver of Sections 505.d and 509.a of the Township's Subdivision Land Development Ordinance. They are requesting that Bent Lane, Boulder Road and Brian Lane be installed as temporary dead end streets. This is because the streets are shown as connector streets in other plans being considered by the Township for approval. The plan does show Bottom Road with a temporary cul de sac as well as showing a temporary cul de sac on the South Heights Subdivision plan. The cul de sacs will be connected when both developments are completed. The second request is regarding lot depths. They are requesting a waiver of the restriction that lot depths be not less than one or more than two and one half times the average width. They state in their request that due to the unique and unusual shape and topographic features of this site, literal compliance with this standard is impossible. The request states that the lots that are not in literal compliance with Section 509.a are primarily those lots that are encumbered by drainage or other easements. This request was recommended approval by the Penn Township Planning Commission at their last meeting. Township Engineer Bortner stated he does not have a problem with the request.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT: The Committee received a request dated March 7, 2008 from Group Hanover Engineers for a waiver of a land development plan for South Western School District to increase the size of the garage and office on the previously approved District Bus Terminal Land Development plan. The buildings will be built on an existing impervious surface. The request will need to be presented to the Penn Township Planning Commission but the Committee recommended denying the request.

CENTENNIAL AVENUE: The Committee received a request dated March 12, 2008 from Bon Ton Builders for a waiver of public sidewalks for Lot 145A, Lot 145B, and Lot 146 on Centennial Avenue. These three lots were formerly owned by the Parkville Fire Company. The street has curb but no sidewalk. The Committee recommended a temporary waiver of the curbing.

868 BALTIMORE STREET: The Committee received a request dated March 13, 2008 from Andy Angel requesting a waiver of a land development plan for 868 Baltimore Street to operate a retail sales business. The request is for additional parking. The Committee did not make a recommendation to this request.

GOLD'S GYM: The Committee received a request dated March 13, 2008 from Hanover Land Services for a waiver of Section 505.k curbs for the Gold's Gym located along Broadway. They previously approved a waiver request for the sidewalks but not the curbs. The problem is obtaining a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit due to the requirement for curb construction. PennDOT will issue the permit but will require the Township to be responsible for all storm

water management in the state ROW. If the curbing were not required then there would be no storm water management issues as far as the state is concerned. The Township SD/LD Ordinance requires the installation of the curb and sidewalk. There is no a problem with the installation of curb and sidewalk along Hickory Lane because it is a Township street. The consensus is to still require the installation of the curbing. In the meantime the state elected officials should be notified about PennDOT's stance on Highway Occupancy Permits. This is not the only project the Township is having problems with PennDOT regarding HOP's and storm water management.

918 YORK STREET: The Committee received a request dated March 27, 2008 from T.L. Wetzal and Sons, Inc. for a waiver of the land development requirements for a small addition at 918 York Street. He is intending to move his existing heating, air conditioning, and plumbing business to this address.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Administrative Assistant Rodgers provided a final report on the Easter egg hunt that was held on March 22, 2008. Despite the low temperatures there were 132 children participating in the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager