

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 2, 2011

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Vice Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Felix, and Heilman. Commissioners Goldsmith and Prieber were absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Township Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan and Administrative Assistant Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 5, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Gerald Gesiorski, 502 Meade Avenue, stated that he understood from a newspaper article that the Township passed a policy that would exempt sewer customers from a bill if they had zero consumption of water during a quarter. He has not used water on his property at 502 Meade Avenue for several years and stated he should not have to pay according to the policy. He received a minimum bill for the sewer and believes that it should be waived because of the enacted policy. The Committee tried to explain to Mr. Gesiorski that the policy only applies to those customers who have had the water service turned off or the water meter removed.

PARK HEIGHTS BLVD.: Engineer Bortner reported that the paving on Park Heights Boulevard would occur around Labor Day. The crews have been pulled off the project several times for work on Carlisle Street.

CENTER STREET: Manager Garvick stated that the Township has received the Acquisition Agreement from PADOT for Center Street and returned it with comments and corrections. The Public Works Dept. has assisted in digging test pits for the Center Street Project to help reduce costs. The Township has applied for a loan from PADOT through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank. The Township is applying for \$700,000 at a lower interest rate than can be received by a local bank. The current loans are pricing at 1.65% interest. It was again noted that any attempt to secure additional funding from the YAMPO would trigger a new reimbursement agreement with PADOT that would shift additional bidding, construction and inspection responsibilities to the Township. It would also require that the Township pay for the project costs and then request reimbursement from PADOT, as opposed to having PADOT pay for the costs and billing us our 20% share.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary