

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:55 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Johnson, Rewa, Prieber, and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Wastewater Superintendent Mahone, Environmental Director Hejmanowski, Acting Police Chief Rhodes, and Fire Chief Cromer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 5, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as corrected.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner reported that he provided the Committee with a breakdown of the costs associated with paving projects since 2002. In 2008 it costs \$9.21 a square yard for overlay material. He also provided a list of projects to be completed this year and the ones he is proposing for 2009 and 2010. He stated there was a previous policy of no tar and chip but he will have to begin tar and chipping some of the roads. The remaining pages of the packet included all the roads within the Township and the dates they were last paved. He also provided a list of the current township equipment. He stated that it requires about 40,000 square yards of blacktop a year to stay on a thirty-year black topping schedule. He stated that to date he has only done about a quarter of that. Engineer Bortner stated that he budgeted \$50 a square yard for paving but that the current rate is \$56.50 a square yard for paving. Engineer Bortner stated that he has had a problem with the blacktop in 1998 and 1999 that came from McDermitt, who was the lowest bidder for black top those years. The road surface on these projects is failing. Mr. Bortner is suggesting a micro surfacing of these roads in 2009 to help them last longer. Mr. Bortner explained that PennDOT does provide an inspector for black top at manufacturing plants but does not believe the black top from McDermitt was inspected because they are a small company that does very little government work. Hanover Borough rejected their bid in 2000. The Township will take steps to document the inadequate black top provided by McDermitt in case they bid on any future projects. Engineer Bortner noted that there were other paving jobs during 1998 and 1999 that had materials supplied from vendors other than McDermitt. Those roads are not failing and are in decent shape.

MISSIONARY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH: The Committee received a request dated August 5, 2008 from Missionary Bible Baptist Church requesting a waiver of the land development requirements to pave a 30' x 30' parking pad for their church buses. This would create about 41% lot coverage. Engineer Bortner stated that he has spoken with Reverend Rohnke about other work they are proposing to do which will require a land development plan. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this at their next meeting.

SOUTH HANOVER AUTOMOTIVE: The Committee received a request dated August 7, 2008, from South Hanover Automotive requesting a waiver from a land development plan to remove a 1200 square foot building and replace it with a 1200 square foot addition to the

existing building. He would also like to install some additional black top on the site. He is proposing French drains under flowerbeds on the property to reduce runoff. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this request.

GATEWAY HANOVER: Conewago Contractors, Inc. submitted a request for a waiver of the sign ordinance to install three freestanding signs that do not meet the requirements of the sign ordinance at the Gateway Hanover Shopping Center. All three of the signs exceed the 100 square foot area requirement and one exceeds the 20 foot height limit. The Committee noted that the shopping center has received several waivers for signage already. The Planning Commission will review the request at their next meeting.

WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF YORK: The Committee received a letter dated August 27, 2008 from the Watershed Alliance of York, requesting the Township execute a Memorandum of Understanding supporting watershed conservation and protection. The Memorandum states the benefits and services that the Alliance could provide to the Township. Engineer Bortner noted that if the Township was rated as an MS4 municipality then they could provide some services the Township would need to comply with. It was suggested that the alliance might be able to file for grants and funds if they can prove that local municipalities are using their services. Manager Garvick will find out additional information about the Alliance.

TRUCK SCALES: Superintendent Mahone reported that the truck scales are in use and so far there have not been any problems.

RECREATION: The Committee suggested they start preparing recommendations for improvements at the Community Park now that the Township has purchased and received additional land. The construction of sanitary sewer to that part of Grandview Road will be completed shortly.

GIRL SCOUTS: The Township received a letter stating that one of the local girl scouts recently received the highest achievement award. Commissioner Johnson would like a certificate prepared and acknowledge the Scout's achievement, at a public meeting if possible.

BOY SCOUTS: The Committee received an invitation about the 90th anniversary of the Boy Scouts at St. Joseph's Church. Commissioner Rewa will attend on behalf of the Township.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: The Township was invited to a volunteer recognition for those who help the Hanover Public Library. Commissioner Johnson will represent the Township.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager