

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Rewa and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Township Engineer Bortner, Waste Water Plant Superintendent Mahone, and Highway Foreman Mahan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Goldsmith announced that an executive session was held after Finance meeting to discuss sewer personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 6, 2009 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

STREET LINE PAINTING: Engineer Bortner reported that line painting began today and will continue tomorrow. They will not, however, be finished tomorrow because they have to lay the material when the temperature is at least 50 degrees and it has been difficult to get to that level this late in the fall. The line painters have never done work for Penn before and the quality of painting we are getting is somewhat lower than we are accustomed to. PSX was the low bidder at the Joint Materials Bid Meeting.

BRUSH & LIMB: Brush and limb collection for the fall was completed last Wednesday.

LEAF COLLECTION: Leaf collection began last Thursday. The crew's have already completed one trip through the Township and will continue through the month. Engineer Bortner reported that the leaves are cooperating by coming down quicker as compared to the last few years.

GRANDVIEW ROAD PROGRESS UPDATE: Engineer Bortner reported that base coat paving is scheduled tomorrow on Grandview Road. It is ironic that the contractor performing the roadwork, Kinsley Construction, told the utility companies they would not be able to do any work while they were paving and sent the utility workers away after everyone has been complaining that the utilities have been the holdup on the project. Manager Garvick reported that he has spoken with developer Martin Hill about the progress of the project and he has been assured that it will proceed faster and the road will be opened by Thanksgiving.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner reported that he has the Gary Martin Subdivision on Blooming Grove Road plan available for review should the committee wish to view it.

2010 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Manager Garvick reviewed the proposed public works

budget. As proposed, the salt storage facility expense will be offset by a transfer from a reserve account. Manager Garvick stated that he would like to reduce the proposed paving projects in the general fund budget by \$100,000. The \$200,000 in the GF combined with the \$200,000 in the Highway Aid budget gives the Township a total of \$400,000 to be used on paving projects in 2010. The Committee suggested that large capital expenditures should be excluded from the budget and paid for directly through whatever reserve account can handle the payment.

HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL PROPOSAL: Manager Garvick discussed a proposal submitted by the York County Rail Trail Authority about extending the Hanover Trolley Trail from its terminus in the Borough of Hanover through the Cherry Tree Medical Center to Wilson Avenue. According to Gwen Loose, the response so far has been favorable from the property owners on Cherry Tree Court. The Authority is asking for comments from the Commissioners regarding the proposed alignment. It would appear that there are no obstructions in the proposed path that cannot be relocated. The Authority does not have any funding for the project at this point in time.

KID'S KINGDOM CREATIVITY STATION: Healthy York County Coalition sent a follow up letter to the Township to let them know what the participation level was for the Get Outdoors and Be Creative initiative. They reported 8800 sketchbooks were distributed to children with a small percentage being returned. They thanked the Township for the use of the Community Park.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager