

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2021

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Monday, May 3, 2021, following Public Safety Committee Meeting 7:24 p.m. Present were Chairman Black, Commissioners Brown, Cromer, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 5, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

FERN DRIVE – 130 LITTLETON DRIVE: Engineer Bortner reported the resident at 130 Littleton Drive made a request to pave a private lane called Fern Drive. This is not a dedicated road. The Committee suggested to offer millings, but was not in favor of paving.

BONDS: Engineer Bortner suggested setting Subdivision and land development Improvement Bonds for Pero Farms Hanover Facility, LLC, in the amount of \$60,054.50, and for Yazoo Mills, Inc. 800 Gitts Run Road in the amount of \$66,046.75. Engineer Bortner also suggested reducing the High Pointe North Improvement Bond from \$148,439.50 to the amount of \$26,408.25. The Committee recommended setting/reducing the amounts.

CURB AND SIDEWALK ON HUFNAGLE DRIVE: Engineer Bortner reported that Meadowview Drive and Hufnagle Drive are on the paving list for this year. Engineer Bortner was approached by a resident of Hufnagle Drive to curb a temporary cul-de-sac. This cul-de-sac may be extended to a street in the future, and the way the subdivision is laid out the township does not have right of way of this area. The committee was not in favor of the curb installation.

KAREN LANE BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT: Engineer Bortner reported that the low bidder was missing a qualification. Manager Rodgers reported she was informed that the missing qualification needed was at county to be signed, would then be sent to be signed by Penn Dot, then that qualification would be issued. The attorney is aware, and the township is waiting. Engineer Bortner expressed concern with the timeline after the bids are opened and need to be awarded, otherwise the project will need to be rebid.

BANKERT ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT: Engineer Bortner reported the Beck Mill Road culvert replacement is in the budget. CS Davidson submitted permits for both Bankert Road Bridge replacement and the Beck Mill Road culvert replacement. DEP approved Bankert, but not Beck Mill. Beck Mill has been resubmitted, and CS Davidson is expecting approval. Right of ways have been obtained for Beck Mill, and they are hopeful of having the permit by the next Board of Commissioners' meeting. CS Davidson would like to go to bid for the culvert next month, to keep the project moving along.

Engineer Bortner reported the township has the permit for Bankert Road but not the needed right-of-ways. Manager Rodgers will reach out again to the residents involved.

STREET CONDITION AND RESTORATION: Commissioner Cromer stated that he is unhappy with the condition the utility companies are leaving our roads. They are patching, and there are trenches that are being dug for gas lines; and the soil is sinking. We have an ordinance requiring the utility companies to fill and repair the patches, and that while the trench is temporary, they must fill. Engineer Bortner reported the current ordinance is from 1997-98, and may want to be examined to update. He added, all utilities must submit a street bond, and we can go against that bond. He stated that all the work that is being done is at a request of the township. The work is part of a five-year plan, then the township will pave after the utilities have been replaced. Commissioner Brown stated that there should be more oversight on the condition the utility companies are leaving our streets. Manager Rodgers can check with the solicitor and other municipalities to compare ordinances. Commissioner Black stated that the street should not sit unrepaired for five years prior to being paved by the township.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported the agreement with Hanover Land Services has been signed. She is going contact them about getting the minimum control measures started.

EXTENSION REQUESTS: Zoning Officer Smith submitted an extension request for SL17-10 Mustang Pointe. The Committee recommended approving the request.

UPDATE OF 4 SCOTT STREET: Zoning Officer Smith reported the final draft of injunction was received, with affidavits to sign, then will be sent to the solicitor. After the April 19th Board of Commissioners' meeting, he has been taking items out of the dumpster and taking back into the house. Manager Rodgers reported that all of the expenses of the exterminator, dumpsters, and clean up are included in the injunction and will be charged to the resident. The township is working through the court system.

RECREATION: Manager Rodgers reported the grant was submitted. Play by design works with 3 cooperating source agents, therefore we will not be required to bid the equipment. Project is moving forward.

OTHER MATTERS: There were none.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were several residents in attendance to discuss the condition of 4 Scott Street. Residents that had comments were Jennifer Brossoit, 9 Sherman Street, and Kara Stultz, 6 Scott Street. They discussed the condition of the property, the large rats on the property, and the health and safety of neighboring children and pets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary