

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Monday, October 5, 2020, following the Public Safety Meeting at 8:05 p.m. Present were Chairman Van de Castle, Commissioners Brown, Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 1, 2020 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Elijah Fisher, 70 Bowman Road, was present to address the committee regarding a denied waiver request to place a fence within the easement on his property. Chairman Van de Castle informed Mr. Fisher that on the direction from the solicitor, the request is going to remain denied, as it goes against the zoning ordinance. Chairman Van de Castle added that even though his neighbors have fences within the easements area, those fence permits were issued in error under past management.

BONDS: Engineer Bortner reported the improvement bond for Brookside Heights, Phase IV, be set at \$580,286.41. The committee recommended approving the bond amount.

2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION: Engineer Bortner reviewed his proposed budgets for 2021. The Engineering budget remains about the same, with an increase in insurance. The public works budget includes increases in wages, and insurances. Capital outlay includes costs for a supervisor vehicle with plow, and a tilting coupler. Major Equipment includes the cost for a street sweeper. The storm sewer budget, account 436, includes repairs to Karen Lane, due to the weight restrictions placed on the bridge. Engineer Bortner stated that Bowman Road was originally done through a community block grant. The area is in need of repair. Engineer Bortner suggested that the township consider applying for another community block grant to obtain funds for this repair. Engineer Bortner stated the paver the township borrowed for work for this year broke down, and finding a paver to rent is very limited. He wanted to let the committee know that a paver may be something to consider in the future.

TIMBERLAND CONNECTOR: Engineer Bortner met with representatives from J.A. Myers as they have been waiting for three years for an answer to whether they can obtain a permit to cross the wetlands to extend Timber Lane. The Committee is requesting that the plan be submitted showing a future road even though J.A. Myers will not be building at this time. They will proceed with resubmitting the land development plans to the planning commission once comments from 2018 are addressed. Manger

Rodgers stated the solicitor requested if anyone on the committee would like to attend a meeting with DEP on why the township is requesting the road.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported that MS4 Coordinator Hirt's last day was September 16, herself and Engineer Bortner are filling in. Ms. Hirt suggested having someone in place when the permit is obtained, possibly within six months or so.

EXTENSION REQUEST: Zoning Officer Smith submitted an extension request for SL18-20 Stonewicke V. The committee recommended approving the request.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Cromer commented on the status in which the contractors have left the roads. Baugher Drive and Park Heights Blvd have been left in horrible condition.

Commissioner Brown reported on the condition of Oak Hill Drive, and the plan was to put off the paving until the sewer project was completed, however, with the project being pushed back something needs to be done. Commissioner Brown requested Engineer Bortner look into the matter.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney  
Township Secretary