

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 1, 2015

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:05 P.M. following a finance meeting regarding the 2016 budget. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Felix, Heilman, Klunk, and Prieber. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan, Assistant to the Engineer Garrett, Commissioner Elect Van de Castle, and Administrative Assistant Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Goldsmith announced an executive session to discuss personnel issues will be held following the Health & Sanitation meeting. Commissioner Goldsmith read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on November 16, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 3, 2015 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

CENTER STREET UPDATE: Engineer Bortner reported that there will be a walk through tomorrow afternoon and the project is pretty much wrapped up. Commissioner Klunk asked about the size of the warning lights at the railroad crossing. He was under the impression that these were being changed from eight inches to twelve inches and asked if CSX would be doing that at some point in the future. Engineer Bortner stated that the Township did not want the twelve inch lights to be installed and believes that they were not. Manager Rodgers can look at the bill to see whether or not the work was done. She believes that CSX is still holding some of the Township's money and we may be getting this back.

MS4 UPDATE: Engineer Bortner reported that Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Assistant to the Engineer Garrett met with a representative from York Township. York Township offered to give us everything that they have and we can adjust the things that do not apply to Penn Township. After the meeting Engineer Bortner is still not certain that joining the Hanover Area consortium would be the right way to go. Manager Rodgers shared that she is able to take parts of the MS4 responsibilities off of Engineer Bortner, specifically education and information. Others can take on some responsibility as well which will help Engineer Bortner but still allow him to be the person in charge of MS4. York County Planning will make a presentation to the Public Works Committee concerning MS4 in January or February of 2016.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE: Engineer Bortner reported that he has not had a lot of time to work on the ordinance due to the large number of plans coming in. Manager Rodgers confirmed that Hanover Borough has not gotten back to her on a

possible joint ordinance. Engineer Bortner is comfortable with continuing to move forward independently at this time.

STREET LIGHT PRESENTATION: Engineer Bortner reported that there are several street lights causing concern at this time. Penn Township is paying for two lights at the old municipal building, two lights on Ruel Ave at A2Z Motors and one at Cooper Motors. All of these lights are lighting areas that do not appear to be in the best interest of the Township. The light at A2Z motors was placed on the wrong pole but MetEd is not accepting responsibility for the mistake. There are also two lights at Young Woods that are being paid for through Highway Aid funds. Engineer Bortner asked the bookkeeper to transfer the charges for these two lights to the recreation fund. The Township is under contract until 2021 to pay for these lights but MetEd has expressed a preliminary willingness to relocate them. Pennsylvania DEP would like all municipalities to switch to LED lights and prepared an estimate showing that Penn Township could save \$26,000 by switching to LED. In 1991 when the new Residential Street Lighting Ordinance was approved developers started installing "Rishel" lights. As a result developments built after 1991 are very well lit, possibly over lit, whereas developments built between 1970 and 1991 are not lit at all. There are also industrial areas that are not lit at all. Engineer Bortner would like to meet with MetEd and discuss the LED savings and relocating several lights to light areas more evenly. The Township may not be saving money with switching to LED but could probably be spending money more wisely by lighting appropriate areas. Commissioner Klunk agreed that lighting throughout the Township appears to be sporadic. Commissioner Heilman asked how the Township is being billed for lights. MetEd charges the Township \$15 per month for each light and the Township owns the lights and is responsible for all maintenance. Engineer Bortner believes that MetEd would provide the pole and light for the same cost, but the Township decided at some point that owning the lights was better. Discussion was held concerning where different lights are placed and what kind of bulbs they have. Engineer Bortner will speak with MetEd to determine if money can be saved with LED lights and whether or not they will allow some of the lights to be relocated to better locations. The committee discussed whether to focus on lighting residential areas or intersections. Engineer Bortner is most concerned with intersections.

RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING ORDINANCE: Engineer Bortner reported that the residential lighting ordinance calls for three HADCO lights at intersections and also highly favors a HADCO residential light at each property. If HADCO in Littlestown closes these lights will be unavailable and it will become difficult to find lights that meet the ordinance. Engineer Bortner commented that the residential ordinance does not allow LED lights to be installed. He would like to consider possible changes to the residential lighting ordinance once the Township street lights have been reviewed and changes made. Commissioner Heilman agreed that having an ordinance that favors a particular brand of light is not ideal and he asked if any other municipalities have similar ordinances. Engineer Bortner answered that he hasn't found many other municipalities with lighting ordinances for residential areas and those that do only specify lumens and that lights should face the street.

EXTENSION REQUESTS: Manager Rodgers reported on two extension requests. KPI Technology for D&R Bean P15-15. This is a first request and they are waiting for comments from the York County Conservation District. They will also need to address the waiver denials that were issued at last month's Board of Commissioner's meeting. Hanover Storage P15-14 is addressing comments and this is also a first request.

MUMMERT ENTERPRISES: Manager Rodgers reported that Solicitor Tilley is being authorized to stay the Sherriff's Sale on December 7, 2015 This decision will be ratified at the December 21, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Solicitor Tilley provided a settlement number of \$131,618 which includes interest.

OTHER MATTERS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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