

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2, 2018

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:27 p.m. following the Public Safety Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Klunk and Commissioners Brown, Felix, Heiland, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Clouser, and Township Engineer Bortner. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the December 5, 2017 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

IMPROVEMENTS BONDS: Engineer Bortner reported on two improvement bonds. The first is for Meadow Spring to lower the bond amount from \$36,575 from \$146,424.30. The second is for TrueNorth Wellness Services to lower the bond amount to zero because the work has been completed. The Committee recommended approving both bond reductions.

BRINE MIXING TANK: Engineer Bortner reported that the Public Works department has been using several different concoctions to put materials in the back of the tanks on their trucks. The past three years they have been using salt to make salt water to anti-ice the streets before storms. Everything has been done in house up to this point, but they no longer have enough storage capacity to cover the whole Township in one day. They need close to eight thousand gallons a day. They can continue to pre-wet only the major streets with what they are doing now. In order to cover the developments and side streets a brine mixing tank would need to be purchased. After discussion the Committee recommended Engineer Bortner purchase a one thousand five hundred gallon brine mixing tank.

BEECHWOOD WAY STREET LIGHTING WAIVER: The Committee received a letter dated December 19, 2017 from GHI for a waiver of the Residential Street Lighting Ordinance for Beechwood Way. Manager Rodgers reported that this plan used to be called Magnolia Way and is now Beechwood Way because there is already a Magnolia in the Township. They're requesting lights at every other residence. Commissioner Felix said it gets very dark if they are placed at every other house and one goes out. Commissioner Klunk said these lights are about twenty feet apart unlike a single home community where they are one hundred feet apart. Even if one is out there's only forty feet in between lights. This will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on January 4, 2018.

EXTENSION REQUESTS: Commissioner Klunk reported there are two extension requests for January; South Heights and Above & Beyond Christian Child Care Center, both to expire April 16, 2018. The Committee recommended approving both requests.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Brown reported that there were some problems with trash and recycling pick up over the past week. Manager Rodgers said there were delays due to the snow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers
Township Manager