

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
August 22, 2018**

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Christman. Committee member present in addition to Mr. Christman were Keith Endy, Gene Gabel, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present was Councilman Terry Mest; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; John Aston, Aston Surveyors and Engineers, Inc., and interested citizens.

Mr. Christman called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Christman, second by Mr. Gabel, and approved.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Hansley reviewed a report on the activities of the street department staff during the month of August.

Unfinished Business

Second Street Bridge – Final inspection of the bridge was completed on Friday, August 17th and the bridge was re-opened. There are a few very minor punch list items; overall the project went very well and was completed within the timeframe allotted. Mrs. Loder advised the committee that she has received Certificate of Payment #1 in the amount of \$158,630.17. Mrs. Loder confirmed with the members that payment of the contract is to be made from the Capital Improvement Water Fund. A brief discussion was held and Mrs. Loder was advised to make the payment from the CIW Fund.

Second Street .96 Acre Parcel – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that she contacted an appraiser and is awaiting a return call. Mrs. Loder also advised that she has been in communication with Charles Fryer and he will provide a copy of the letter the Boyertown Community Library has in their possession regarding a request to the DEP for protection under the 1993 Consent Order and Agreement for the parcel.

2018 Street Reconstruction – The project is complete and Certificate of Payment No 1 has been received and paid. The final payment request is expected to be received shortly. The project went very well.

New Business

John Aston, Aston Surveyors and Engineers, Inc. – Campbell Fittings Englesville Road – The Chairman recognized Mr. Aston who reviewed with the committee a proposal requested by Campbell Fittings to make Englesville Road two-way traffic from Front Street to a driveway entrance to their property at 10 East Second Street just south of the intersection with Second Street. The request is being made as a result of discussions between Campbell Fittings and the Redevelopment Authority of Berks County regarding continued use of the driveway entrance to their building which crosses the railroad right-of-way. The Authority has informed Campbell Fittings that their rights to use the crossing will be terminated effective September 1st, 2018. Campbell is seeking an alternate access route to their loading docks. The existing driveway on Englesville Road to their building is not accessible to tractor trailers as currently configured. Tractor trailers could access the existing driveway if they were able to approach the driveway from a northbound direction. Englesville Road is designated one-way traffic south bound from East Second Street to Front Street.

A somewhat lengthy discussion was held; Mrs. Loder recommended that if the committee wishes to consider a change to the one-way designation of Englesville Road they should engage the services of TPD, Inc. for a traffic study. Mrs. Loder further noted that standard procedure dictates that the requestor be responsible for payment of the traffic study.

Following all discussion, the committee authorized Mrs. Loder to contact TPD, Inc. for a proposal to conduct a traffic study and to communicate with Campbell Fittings the cost of the study.

Public Comments

The Chairman called for public comment and recognized Greg Miller a resident of 26 Stauffer Drive. Mr. Miller shared with the committee a video recording of the rear of his property following the heavy rain event that occurred on August 13th. Mr. Miller noted that the borough enclosed the waterway at the rear of his property with a pipe prior to his ownership of the property. Miller further stated that the waterway remains open to the north of his property. The video Mr. Miller shared shows water ponding on either side of the pipe; Miller indicated that area is saturated. Mr. Miller further stated the Borough installed the pipe after receiving complaints from former owners of two properties fronting on East Fifth Street that the waterway overflowed into their yards during periods of heavy rain. Mr. Miller requested the Borough do something to address the problem.

Following a somewhat lengthy discussion, the committee directed Mrs. Loder to discuss the matter with Tom Unger, SDE, Inc.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Christman and seconded by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager