

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 25, 2017**

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

Also present were Council member Terry Mest, Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; and Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Christman, second by Mr. Gabel, and approved.

**Street Supervisor Report**

Mr. Hansley briefly reviewed with the members a report on the activities of the street department staff during the month of October. Mr. Hansley noted that the department began the annual leaf collection program on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will continue to pick up leaves through December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Unfinished Business**

**Second Street Bridge** – TPD, Inc. completed the field review and are working through the analysis. They anticipate completion of the analysis by the end of November. Mrs. Loder stated that the committee should expect to receive the results of the analysis in December. TPD, Inc. feels that the project is on target to put out for bid in February of 2018.

**MS4 Permit Renewal** – Mrs. Loder advised that committee that a new Intergovernmental Agreement for participation in the MS4 Steering Committee will be required for the new MS4 Permit 2018 – 2022. The MS4 Steering Committee is modifying the existing agreement and will provide it to the municipalities within the next several weeks. Mrs. Loder anticipates adoption of the Agreement at the January meeting of Borough Council.

**2017 Street Reconstruction** – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that Landis Deck completed repair of the intersection of Fourth and Jefferson Streets this morning. Mr. Deery stated that he drove through the intersection after the repair was made and isn't satisfied with the repair. Other committee members will observe the intersection and contact Mrs. Loder with their opinion.

## **New Business**

**Oley Street Swale Easement** – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the committee information concerning ponding of water on Oley Street in the area of the Borough Garage. Mrs. Loder noted that when Oley Street was paved a swale was created to stop the water from pooling in front of the Borough Garage. It was noted that the area is very flat and ponding of water has been a long standing problem.

Mrs. Loder had SDE perform survey work to determine a path to drain the water to the creek adjacent to Oley Street. Mr. Hansley talked to the property owner of 40 Warwick Street to inquire if he would grant the Borough an easement across his property. He agreed to grant the easement in exchange for the Borough removing numerous trees from his property. Brown's Tree Service provided Mr. Hansley with a price of \$900 to remove the trees. Mr. Hansley noted that there are numerous wires in the area of the trees. Mrs. Loder stated the swale could probably be done by department staff and it would be a grass swale.

Following all discussion, the committee agreed that Mrs. Loder should have SDE prepare an easement description, and have Mr. Hartman prepare an easement. The work would most likely be completed in the spring of 2018.

## **Public Comments**

Mr. Christman called for public comments; no comments were forthcoming.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Mr. Christman and seconded by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Manager