

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 19, 2017**

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

Also present were Council members Charles Heller and Terry Mest; Mayor Marianne Deery; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; and Tom Unger, SDE, Inc.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, second by Mr. Endy, 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 April.

Mr. Hansley also noted the recent purchase of a new trailer for hauling mowers and equipment. In addition, he advised the committee that Colebrookdale Township is interested in purchasing the old trailer. Mr. Hansley noted that the trailer is in fair condition and we would have received approximately \$200 for it on a trade in. The Committee noted the cooperative arrangement between the Borough and the Township and had no objection to their purchasing the trailer. Mr. Hansley will advise the Township.

Unfinished Business

Second Street Bridge – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that TPD, Inc. has provided a Design Schedule which indicates the project will be bid in June; target date for issuance of Notice to Proceed with construction on or about July 3. Target date for construction to begin is July 17th with a projected end date of August 23rd. The Borough and SDE, Inc. are reviewing the detour route, which will be submitted to PennDOT for approval.

MS4 Permit Renewal – Kent Morey – Mrs. Loder advised the members that she and Mr. Morey met with Colebrookdale Township Manager Cindy Conrad to discuss collaboration between the Borough and the Township concerning MS4 Permit Renewal, specifically a Pollution Reduction Plan. Although Mrs. Conrad reacted positively to the discussion, the Township Engineer subsequently notified Mr. Morey and Mrs. Loder that

the Township Commissioners felt there was no mutual benefit on collaboration at this time in preparation of a joint Pollution Reduction Plan.

Mrs. Loder also noted that she and Mr. Morey had a discussion with Unicast concerning use of their property on Seventh Street. Unicast officials advised that the company is one hundred percent employee owned and that consideration of our request would require months and would not likely receive a positive end result for the Borough.

Mrs. Loder advised that Mr. Morey is considering sediment removing structures to be placed in the storm water system in the vicinity of North Washington Street or North Franklin Street near East Fifth Street. During our conversation with Unicast Mr. Morey learned that Unicast does have an NPDES Permit; therefore, Mr. Morey is parsing them out of the calculation, which will lower our base loading. Following completion of that calculation Mr. Morey will be able to determine how many sediment removing structures will be required in order to meet the ten percent reduction requirement. He is expecting the number of structures required to be one or two. He will then schedule a field meeting with Mr. Hansley to choose a location.

New Business

2017 Street Reconstruction Project – Mr. Unger reviewed with the Committee a list of streets identified for reconstruction over the next three years. The total projected cost is calculated to be \$1,093,273.00. Lengthy discussion was held on the list provided. Following all discussion, Mr. Unger was directed to advertise for bids for the reconstruction of North Jefferson Street from Philadelphia Avenue to East Fifth Street and South Jefferson Street from East Third Street to East Second Street; East Third Street from Franklin Street Madison Street, West Sixth Street from Walnut Street to Schaeffer Street; and Spruce Alley at Berks Street to repair heaving at the intersection.

Mr. Unger will advertise for receipt of bids on May 22nd.

The committee was also advised that SSM, Inc. is working with the Land Development process for the Senior High School project concerning milling and overlaying of North Monroe Street. SSM, Inc. notified Mrs. Loder that core samples taken by the district contractor indicate that there is not sufficient material to mill 1.5” as provided for in the plan. SSM, Inc. is recommending that the Borough pay to have base repair completed on North Monroe Street, which SSM estimates will be \$25,000. SSM points out that overlaying Monroe Street without repairing the base failure will mean that the overlay will fail within a few years. SSM is working with the district contractor to finalize costs for the base repair. Solicitor Hartman has been consulted on this matter

and has recommended the Borough enter into an agreement with the District whereby the District will complete the work and the Borough will reimburse the District.

Public Comments

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

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. was made by Mr. Gabel and seconded by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager