

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 21, 2018**

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 was Charles Heller, Councilman; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Thomas Unger, SDE, Inc., Adrienne Blank, Main Street Manager, and interested citizens.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. Gabel, and approved.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Hansley reviewed with the members a report on the activities of the street department staff during the month of February.

Unfinished Business

Second Street Bridge – The project has been advertised for bids; bids are due on March 15th.

MS4 Permit Renewal - Intergovernmental Agreement – Solicitor Hartman has advertised the ordinance for adoption at the March 5th meeting of Council.

Second Street .96 Acre Parcel – Nothing new to report

2018 Street Reconstruction – The project has been advertised for bids; bids are due on March 15th.

New Business

Storm Water 500 Block East Philadelphia Avenue – Mr. Unger reviewed with the committee his findings concerning managing the storm water which collects at Philadelphia Avenue and Kehl Street. Installation of a storm water pipe and basin to carry the water to Madison Street would resolve the problem; however, the projected cost is \$100,000 +. Discussion was held on the subject and the Committee agreed that at the present time it is more cost effective to continue to manage the ice accumulation. The Committee noted that 2018 projects include the Second Street Bridge Repair, Street Reconstruction; renovation of 16 West Philadelphia Avenue, renovation of 100 South Washington Street, Trout Run Dam Spillway Expansion, and Cannon Hill East Tank painting. The projected cost of these projects is \$3,000,000.

Public Comments

Mr. Christman called for public comment and recognized Ms. Adrienne Blank and Ms. Michele Barrett who addressed the committee concerning Delaware County Solid Waste Authorities application filed with the DEP for expansion of the Rolling Hills Landfill located in Earl Township. The pair discussed with the committee sending a letter to the Berks County Commissioners and Delaware County Solid Waste Authority to encourage the Authority to work with the Colebrookdale Railroad to plan and develop the infrastructure required to trans-load ash in place of hauling ash to the landfill by truck. It was noted that the landfill expansion if approved will add seventeen years to the life of the landfill. An average of one hundred trucks per day carries ash to the landfill six days per week.

Discussion was held on the subject and the committee requested Ms. Blank provide them with a sample letter of support. The committee noted that the support letter could be reviewed at the committee meetings scheduled to be held on February 28th.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Mr. Christman and seconded by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager