

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Monday, November 2, 2020, via an online meeting, following the Public Safety Meeting at 7:33 p.m. Present were Chairman Van de Castle, Commissioners Brown, Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Van de Castle read a summary of the online public meeting guidelines.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 5, 2020 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

BONDS: Engineer Bortner reported that the improvement bonds for Whispering Run – Phase 2A for \$64,204.00 be reduced to \$45,590.00, Whispering Run – Phase 2B in the amount of \$228,866.00 be reduced to \$128,728.95, and Whispering Run – Phase 2C in the amount of \$118,179.82 be reduced to \$83,401.30. The committee recommended approving the bond reductions.

SWEEPER UPDATE: Engineer Bortner reported on the street sweeper. He checked into a hydraulic hose kit for the machine. Engineer Bortner added that A&H stated they have not experienced any issues similar to what we are having with the hydraulic hose on other machines. A&H is concerned with the hydraulic fluid that is in the machine. Engineer Bortner researched filters and fluids, and A&H can travel to the Public Works department to complete the work. The committee agreed to move forward with the repair work.

Engineer Bortner also reported an email was received Sunday evening regarding the signal timing at Baltimore Street & Wirt Avenue; Baltimore Street & Grandview Road; Baltimore Street & Meadow Lane; Grandview Road & Black Rock Road and Blooming Grove Road & Grandview Road. The designer was inquiring if anyone has heard any reports since the timing work has been completed. Commissioner Cromer stated that at intersection of Grandview Road and Black Rock Road only about two vehicles can go through at a time on the Black Rock Road side. Commissioner Van de Castle stated that may not be good with the busses during school travel. Chief Hettinger stated that he understood that the timing would be set to allow easier flow during school travel times. Engineer Bortner requested Chief Hettinger to have an officer check into the situation.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported County Comment period has been opened and will remain so until November 19, 2020 on the county plan. The public hearing was held via an online meeting, Wednesday, October 28, 2020, with minimal comments from the public. After 30 days the plan will be sent to DEP, if no outside comments, the plans may be approved, anticipating a permit possibly during the first quarter of 2021.

EXTENSION REQUEST: Zoning Officer Smith submitted an extension request for SL17-10 Mustang Pointe. The committee recommended approving the request.

OTHER MATTERS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney  
Township Secretary