

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Monday, February 7, 2022, following the Public Safety Committee Meeting at 7:12 p.m. Present were Chairman Heiland, Commissioners Berlingo, Brown and Elksnis. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Cromer was absent without notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the January 3, 2022, Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

KAREN LANE BRIDGE: Engineer Bortner reported that Ordinance 827 placed weight restrictions for vehicles of over 34 tons and 40 tons combined. He recommended amending that ordinance to remove the restrictions since the project has been completed. The committee recommended removing the restrictions via Ordinance.

BECK MILL ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT: Engineer Bortner reported that on January 18, 2022, Monarch Products set the box culvert for Beck Mill Road, and on January 31, 2022, they set the wing walls. The road should be open within the next couple of days.

PARK HEIGHTS BOULEVARD REALIGNMENT: Engineer Bortner reported C.S. Davidson gave the Township two easement agreements that will need to be obtained in order to install the new box culvert. They have submitted the application for the general permit, and the project is moving along. Once the easements have been received, they can start the relocation of the utilities. Once the general permit has been received, the project can then go out to bid. Commissioner Heiland asked the status of the easements, Manager Rodgers stated they have been mailed, but no response has been received to date.

GUIDE RAIL CONTRACTS: Engineer Bortner reported there was a pre-construction meeting held on February 2, 2022, for the Ridge Avenue and Wilson Avenue guide rail project and the notice to proceed should go out shortly. Tomorrow there is meeting with TreeHouse regarding the easement needed from them for the Blettner Avenue project. He stated the Blettner Avenue, Industrial Drive, and Cooper Road projects are moving forward.

INTERSECTION STREET LIGHT INSTALLATIONS: Engineer Bortner reported the streetlight projects for this year include three locations for Countryside Estates and

three locations for Picket Ridge. He stated that he is looking at using Township funds for the lights this year. It would benefit the Township to have more control of the placements on the lights as Met-Ed does not always place the lights where it would best serve the residents. The up-front cost would be about the same. The light and poles are a little less expensive, however breakers would need to be installed. The monthly cost for Met-Ed light is \$25.50/month, whereas the Township owned light would be \$8.05/month. There will be some buffer for future maintenance. Engineer Bortner stated that a total of six lights are needed, and there will be a cost savings with purchasing those at the same time. The Committee had no issues.

BOWMAN ROAD/BAER AVENUE GABION BASKET REPLACEMENT: Engineer Bortner reported he received a proposal from C.S. Davidson on December 23, 2021, to finish the engineering and the cost of inspection services. He said they are hoping to take the project to bid in Spring of 2022. The committee had no issues.

2022 PAVING PROJECT: Engineer Bortner reported the he sent letters notifying the utilities for the paving projects for 2022. Hanover Borough had some concerns with a few of the roads that he is proposing to pave this year. The Borough is going to contract soon for work on McAllister Street, as well as Wayne Avenue, Ann Street, Wilmar Avenue, and they have a five-year plan for work on Bowman Road. He reported he was going to request the Committee's permission to look into a contract for a paver to place the material this year, however, he received a call from Supervisor Nate Osborne from Manheim Township to discuss the paver that the Township has used for the past fifteen years or so. Manheim has yet to resolve what their paver situation is. He would like to look further into the Borough's projects, and if we can use Manheim's paver again this year. He hopes to have a recommendation for the Committee by next month.

WAIVER REQUEST FOR DEVENER LANDING: Chairman Heiland reported that there is no representation present for this request. Engineer Bortner reported that they were not present before the Planning Commission last week as well. Engineer Bortner stated he has reviewed the four waiver requests, the first is the submission of the preliminary plans being reviewed as the final plans, second is street design, in regards to the street width, the third, curves, design of the streets, and finally landscaping and bufferyards. Commissioner Elksnis stated he has concerns with the proposed twenty-eight-foot street width and does not want the Township to be presented to take ownership of the roads in the future. Chief Clouser reported that the proposed width would make it difficult to get fire equipment through. There was discussion regarding school bus access, and if the school district would even allow on a non-dedicated road. Chairman Heiland asked what constitutes the development as fifty-five plus, if the requirement is just one resident. Manager Rodgers stated that in a previous covenant/agreement it was stated that it is one resident and they could have one eighteen-year-old or younger in residence only six months out of a year. She will look into the agreement to confirm.

LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH 134 MOORE DRIVE: Manager Rodgers presented an agreement for the resident at 134 Moore Drive, for the shed that is on Penn Township property. Chairman Heiland reiterated that to be clear, once the property changes

ownership, the agreement is null and void, and the current owner must remove the shed at their expense. Manager Rodgers stated that is correct, and if the shed deteriorates, the shed must be removed, and will not be replaced. The Committee had no issues, Manager Rodgers will get the agreement in the mail.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported work continues on the MCMs. There was a meeting two weeks ago with Hanover Land Services, and the technical work continues, as well as working out the right of entry to the properties. The MCMs should be ready to go before the Committee next month. She reported Assistant Engineer Garrett is ready to begin the inspections independently.

EXTENSION REQUESTS: Zoning Officer Smith submitted requests for SL17-10 Mustang Heights, SL21-01 Clover Lane (Stonewicke V), SL21-05 Elsner Engineering, Inc., and SL 21-12 Above and Beyond Christian Child Care. The Committee recommended approving the requests.

UPDATE OF 4 SCOTT STREET: Zoning Officer Smith reported the Township has received payment for the cleanup and legal fees for the property. He reported Mr. Rolar has been keeping the outside of the property cleaned up, however he can see the inside is continuing to fill up. Chairman Heiland stated that this item will be removed from the agenda, however the residents are welcome to continue to attend the meetings, and update the Committee as issues arise. Zoning Officer Smith thanked the neighbors for their help. Kara Shultz, 6 Scott Street, stated her concern is now with the back yard where food is being placed, and that she is struggling to keep her dogs away from the property. Chairman Heiland stated that if there is an issue in the future, hopefully with the history, repercussions will be expedited.

RECREATION-CREATIVE PLAYGROUND: Manager Rodgers reported she received notification from the state that the Township should soon receive the executed grant for the creative playground. Once received, items can then be purchased. She will be scheduling a conference call, so the project can move forward.

OTHER MATTERS: There were none.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were several residents present to ask questions regarding the Devenor Landing Subdivision Land Development plan. Those residents included: Lynn and Beth Rebert, 77 Test Road, Kim Holstein, 71 Test Road, Jennifer Brooks, 67 Test Road, and Craig Dubs, 59 Test Road. Mr. Dubs stated that the proposed width of the roads, and the fact that the fire department has large fire trucks, the roads should be built to handle such equipment. He added that with the entry to the development being placed further up Moulstown Road, and with the connection to the Hickory Hills development, he has concerns with emergency vehicles traveling through Hickory Hills to access the Devenor development as well as it being used as a cut through for regular traffic. Mr. Rebert, had questions regarding the bufferyards. Chairman Heiland asked Engineer Bortner to address the

waiver request of the bufferyards. Engineer Bortner stated that they are requesting a waiver of the required fence, due to the maintenance involved. Engineer Bortner stated that if they are worried about the maintenance of the fence, it is his recommendation that they should be required to make the bufferyard the width that does not require the fence, as stated in the ordinance. Commissioner Brown stated he would like to table further discussion until answers can be received from the representatives of the plan, and Chairman Heiland agreed. Chairman Heiland requested Zoning Officer Smith to reach out and see when they plan to attend a meeting in the future. Fire Chief Clouser addressed Mr. Dubs regarding his earlier comments, he said that there is an engineered permeable paver emergency access road at the cul-de-sac from Moulstown Road, it is a base under the grass to enable access for emergency vehicles entry to the development. Chairman Heiland encouraged the residents to check the website for this subject to be on the agenda in the future.

EMA Coordinator Jeff Waltman, 329 Park Heights Blvd, stated that with the Park Heights culvert replacement project, and the weight restrictions that are currently in place, he is seeing an increase of truck traffic through Park Heights Blvd. He stated that even though the trailers are empty, he is concerned because his house is starting to rattle with the traffic. He asked if there is a way to control the amount of truck traffic. Police Chief Hettinger stated that they do have platform scales, he along with another officer are certified to use.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary