

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, following the Public Safety Committee Meeting at 7:18 p.m. Present were Co-Chairman Heiland and Commissioners Brown, Felix, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Klunk was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 5, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Anthony Gerecht, 1075 Beaver Creek Rd, requested help to slow down traffic at the intersection of Beaver Creek Road and Oak Hills Drive. Police Chief Hettinger stated that he could place an electronic speed sign in the area once the new signs are delivered. Commissioner Felix requested that Police Chief Hettinger look into Mr. Gerecht's request of a possible stop sign placement.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported that the MS4 Coordinator started today. She will be present at the meetings starting in October.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Engineer Bortner reported on land development plans for South Hills Golf Course, Gitts Run Road, LLC., Brookside Heights Phase IV and Stonewicke Phase II.

IMPROVEMENT BONDS: Engineer Bortner reported on several bonds. Legacy 92, LLC Performance Bond in the amount of \$255,892.00 may be reduced to \$14,388.00. Stonewicke-Phase I Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,867,512.21 may be reduced to \$1,153,584.81. Stonewicke-Phase II bond to be set at \$732,560.90. Allison's 966 ½ York Street, upon final inspection the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,147.50 is no longer needed, and High Pointe at ROJEN Farms South Section Phase S1 bond is to be set at \$2,743,635.40. The Committee recommended approving the bond amounts.

NORTH TRIBUTARY WATERSHED STUDY: Engineer Bortner reported that Hanover Borough is requesting Penn Township to participate in a joint study of the North Tributary Watershed conducted by Gannett Fleming. Manager Rodgers reported that there is money in the Stormwater account to pay for the study. The Committee recommended moving forward.

SMALL SPAN BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT: Engineer Bortner stated several months ago he received notice that weight restrictions needed to be placed on the Park Heights Blvd and Karen Lane Bridges. The township was able to avoid the restrictions on the Karen Lane Bridge by completing the necessary repairs. Engineer Bortner summarized a report received from C.S.Davidson, Inc. on inspections that were conducted on nine additional small span bridges within the township. Along with the Park Heights Blvd Bridge, there were two others needing immediate repairs, Beck Mill Road and Industrial Drive Bridges. He stated he hopes the work for the Industrial Drive Bridge can be completed in-house, however the Beck Mill Road Bridge is about 75 years old and would be more economical to replace rather than repair. He suggested for engineering to secure permitting so the project can be put out for bid and completed next year. The Committee recommended moving forward with engineering and permitting.

PARK HEIGHTS BOULEVARD BRIDGE: Engineer Bortner reported that the Park Heights Boulevard project is in the preliminary planning stage and is estimating to be in the 1.5 million price range including the curve design, footers, curb and sidewalk. He would like to have the final design and go to bid by the end of the year with construction next year. The committee recommended moving forward with engineering and permitting.

HOUSE BILL 103: Manager Rodgers reported that PA House Bill 103 is an Act amending the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, for subdivision and land development which enables a property owner to create non-building lots for family members. This would create lots that may not meet Township Ordinances and may create sub-standard lots. York County Planning Commission has suggested adopting a resolution in opposition to this bill. The Committee recommended moving forward.

WAIVER REQUEST: The committee received a request dated August 27, 2019 from Wellspring for a waiver to the sign ordinance for their church on Hickory Lane. The church is located in the residential zone, therefore the Committee recommends denying the request.

RECREATION: Manager Rodgers reported that the Recreation Board met on August 26, 2019 and will next meet on Monday, September 23, 2019. They will be meeting at the Penn Township Community Park to look around the area and current play equipment and discuss options for the replacement for the creative playground. The committee will be discussing whether a community build or a contract build would best suit. Manager Rodgers has been in discussion with Engineer Bortner to have his crew disassemble and dispose the current structure prior to the installation of the new equipment. Commissioner Heiland asked when the current inspections will expire. Manager Rodgers reported the current inspection should take us through next season, which will work within the plans for construction next fall or the following spring.

OTHER MATTERS: Engineer Bortner reported on the delivery of the 2019 Ford 350 Utility Vehicle. Suggested putting the current 2006 F350 out to bid before winter due to

the truck having a snow plow. Truck would be placed on Municibid and township can place a minimum bid. The committee recommended to move forward with the sale.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Dr, questioned the Park Heights Blvd project, why are we paying 1.5 million for the Bridge, curbs, and sidewalks. He asked if someone requested sidewalks and curbs, and if there was a need. Engineer Bortner reported that with this project, the culvert, curb and sidewalks are to be bid. Commissioner Brown responded that there are some areas on Park Heights Blvd that there are no sidewalks, and the bus stop is at the corner of Beck Mill. The children currently have to cross in the middle of the street, and this presents a safety issue for the children. Commissioner Heiland asked if the sidewalks were being included in the cost estimate, Engineer Bortner responded that they were included, because in this case the ground needs to be equally moved. Commissioner Heiland stated it was his understanding that the sidewalks were the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. Corriere asked who is going to pay for the sidewalks, and requested to be informed of the answer at the October meeting. Commissioner Heiland stated that we may not have an answer by next month but he was welcome to attend the meeting when the project is bid out.

Joan Potter asked how much the Flickinger Bridge repair cost. Engineer Bortner reported it was about \$65,000. Ms. Potter asked for clarification that this came out of the General Fund because it did not meet Penn Dot requirements. If the project met Penn Dot specifications the Township could have used Highway Aid Funds. The Township could not get additional right of way from the property owner, so General Fund money was used. Manager Rodgers the culvert needed to be installed and the work was completed by township crews.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary