

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 24, 2009**

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gene Gabel. Committee members present, in addition to Mr. Gabel, were Keith Endy, Raynard Spaide, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present were Council members Terry Mest, Lori Carnes, Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager, Dennis Weller, Street Supervisor; Dennis Harman, The Pidcock Company; and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Spaide, seconded by Mr. Endy, and approved.

**Street Supervisor Report**

Mr. Weller reported on the activities of the department personnel during the month of June. Mr. Weller noted that department personnel will be applying hot patch material on several streets in the borough including a portion of East Fourth Street, Berks Street, and Schaeffer Street. Mr. Weller noted that the rainy weather conditions prevented department personnel from applying hot patch any earlier.

**Unfinished Business**

**Storm Water Inlet Inspections** - Project tabled pending the completion of replacement of the storm sewer at East Philadelphia Avenue and Madison Street.

**Biennial Bridge Inspection Report Second Street Bridge** – This project is tabled pending completion of the storm sewer replacement at Philadelphia and Madison Streets.

**Storm Sewer Madison & Philadelphia Avenue** – Contract documents have been executed and a pre-construction conference will be scheduled.

**Franklin Street Mini Park Sidewalk Public Sidewalk Replacement/ADA Curb Ramps** – Contract documents have been signed and a pre-construction conference is scheduled on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**2009 Street Project and Boyer Alley** – We are awaiting execution of the contract documents by EJB Paving and Materials Company. A pre-construction conference will be scheduled upon receipt of the executed contract.

**New Business**

Mayor Deery inquired about an Eagle Scout Project proposed to replace/repair picnic tables at the community park. Mrs. Spaide advised that the scout has been in contact with her concerning the project and he is in the process of putting together a plan

for the project, including material costs. Mrs. Spaide understands that the scout will present the plan to the committee at a future meeting.

Mrs. Deery also inquired if a scout could earn the Eagle Award by doing community service projects for elderly property owners. Mr. Gabel said he would make an inquiry and provide the Mayor with a response.

### **Other Comments**

Mr. Gabel called for public comment and recognized Mr. Leister who stated that the borough is losing the battle of maintaining the borough streets. He suggested the borough consider hiring a private contractor to mow grass rather than using street department personnel.

Mr. Gabel responded stating that the borough has investigated the use of a private contractor for grass mowing and found it not cost effective.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. was made by Mr. Spaide, and seconded by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide  
Borough Secretary