

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 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 Raynard Spaide, Keith Endy, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present were Council member Terry Mest, Dennis Weller, Street Supervisor; Dennis Harman, The Pidcock Company; and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 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 November.

**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** – The storm sewer work is complete. Curb and sidewalk work will be completed by November 25<sup>th</sup>, which is the contract completion deadline. Mr. Harman, Mr. Endy and Mrs. Spaide advised the committee that they recently attended a meeting with the contractor to review and discuss Contract Change Order No. 2 pertaining to the amount of extra payment due the Contractor as a result of the unforeseen underground utilities within the work area. Solicitor Hartman was also in attendance. An agreement on the Change Order was reached and executed in the amount of \$55,000. The final Contract Amount is anticipated to be approximately \$150,000. Fifty percent of the agreed to \$55,000 has been paid to the contractor; the remaining 50% will be paid upon completion of the work.

Mr. Harman noted that the only work remaining to be completed is final pavement restoration. Mr. Harman noted that the paving contractor suggested to Gateway that the pavement restoration of the intersection could include milling of the intersection without a significant difference in cost. Mr. Harman noted that he and Mrs. Spaide are in agreement that milling of the intersection is a good idea; however, Gateway was directed to provide a price for milling prior to authorization from the Borough to proceed. There have been numerous inquiries made to Gateway concerning receipt of the price; however, as of close of business today Gateway has still not provided the price. Mr. Harman stated that the contract price for pavement restoration is between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Following discussion, it was decided that the contractor would be given until

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to provide the requested price quotation and a work schedule for completion of the pavement restoration. If the Contractor fails to provide the required information the Borough will pursue completion of the work with another contractor.

**Franklin Street Mini Park Sidewalk Public Sidewalk Replacement/ADA Curb Ramps** – Construction of handicap curb ramps is complete. Mr. Gabel reminded Mr. Weller to install bollards along the curb line of the mini park at the intersection of Poplar Alley and Fifth Street.

### **New Business**

**136 Sunset Lane** – Mrs. Spaide reviewed with the committee a letter from Mr. Peter Starr owner of the property located at 136 Sunset Lane. Mr. Starr constructed a small retaining wall within the public right of way along the Sunset Lane frontage of the property. Mr. Starr plans to landscape the steep bank on the property and constructed the wall to prevent mulch from washing onto Sunset Lane. Mr. Starr provided pictures of the wall and the property for review by the committee. Mr. Starr is requesting the Borough allow him to retain the wall within the public right of way. Mrs. Spaide explained to the members that Council could enter into an agreement with Mr. Starr that would allow him to retain the wall and still protect the Borough's right now and in the future to use and maintain the entire public right of way of Sunset Lane. Mrs. Spaide also noted that Mr. Starr would be required to pay all legal costs associated with preparation of the required agreement. Following discussion, the committee agreed to authorize the solicitor to prepare an agreement for consideration by Council.

### **Other Comments**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Mr. Spaide and seconded by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide  
Borough Secretary