

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 24, 2010**

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, Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present were Council members Patrick Maloney, Lori Carnes, and Terry Mest; Mayor Marianne Deery; Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager; Dennis Weller, Street Supervisor; Dennis Harman, The Pidcock Company; Theresa Geary, Boyertown Area YMCA, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Endy, and approved.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Weller reported on the activities of the department personnel during the month of March.

Mr. Weller also discussed with the committee replacement of the utility body on the 1997 Chevrolet Utility Truck. Mr. Weller noted that the body is rusted. E.M. Kutz provided a price quote of \$7,290 to remove the existing damaged body and install a new body. Discussion ensued concerning the life expectancy of the vehicle and the general condition of all vehicles presently used by the department. Following a somewhat lengthy discussion, Mr. Weller was directed to prepare a five year plan for the committee and to provide the committee with a report on the condition of the existing equipment. Mr. Weller was also directed to obtain a price quote for a stainless steel utility body.

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 – It was reported that Contract Change No. 3, which extends the completion date to May 1st, 2010 for the remaining work is now fully executed. The only work remaining includes milling and final paving of the wearing course along the south side of Philadelphia Avenue and permanent line striping. No change from last month.

Access Agreement – Boyertown Associates – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that Boyertown Associates has executed the agreement. Pending final review of the document by the solicitor, this matter will be listed on the agenda of the April 5th meeting of Council.

New Business

2010 Street Projects – Mr. Gabel discussed with the committee the idea of using the 2010 Street Projects budget to undertake a storm sewer project at the Philadelphia Avenue and Berks Street. Mr. Gabel explained that this is a very flat area and water run-off is poor causing storm water to lay in the intersection. In addition the paving in the intersection is in poor condition and the standing water is causing potholes to form. Mr. Harman stated that he reviewed the intersection with Mrs. Spaide, and if the committee agrees he would send a survey crew to survey the street and provide the committee with a cost estimate for discussion at the April meeting of the committee. Following discussion, the committee requested that a survey be completed. It was noted that a decision concerning use of the 2010 Street Projects funds should be made at the April meeting in order to allow the engineers sufficient time to prepare and receive bids for street work if that is the direction the committee and council decide to take.

YMCA proposal Splash Pad – Mr. Gabel recognized Terri Geary, of the Boyertown Area YMCA, who reviewed with the committee a proposal to replace the existing wading pool at the community pool with a splash pad. It was noted that the wading pool has been inoperable for four years. Ms. Geary explained that the Y prefers a splash pad over a wading pool for safety reasons. Ms. Geary noted that the cost of the project is \$126,575. To date approximately \$60,000 in sponsorship money has been obtained. The YMCA is continuing to solicit companies for financial assistance. Ms. Geary is hopeful that the project can be funded and completed by Memorial Day.

Mrs. Spaide noted that under the terms and conditions of the lease agreement between the Borough and the YMCA, the YMCA must obtain Borough Council's approval for all renovations to the facility. Mrs. Spaide further noted that the YMCA would not be authorized to apply for the required UCC Building Permit until Council has authorized the project. Mrs. Spaide recommended that Borough Council's authorization of the project be delayed pending receipt of sealed plans for the project. This will enable Council to authorize the project in accordance with the sealed plans submitted. Ms. Geary noted that she anticipates receipt of sealed plans within the next week.

Other Comments

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary