

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 21, 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, and Terry Mest; Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager; Dennis Harman, The Pidcock Company; and a concerned citizen.

Mr. Gabel called for public comment on the agenda and recognized Mr. Leister who stated his opposition to the committee's decision to use the 2010 Street Project Budget for a storm water project at Philadelphia Avenue and Berks Street.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Endy, and approved.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Gabel reported that the street department personnel have been focusing their efforts on clean up of the remaining debris at the Community Park. Department personnel have performed some street sweeping; however, the annual spring street sweeping will begin in May.

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 – Mr. Harman advised the committee that his office contacted Gateway concerning completion of the remaining paving work at the intersection. Mr. Harman noted that the contract deadline is May 1st. He advised the members that Gateway offered to extend the contract to the end of June to allow the remaining work to be completed after the close of the school year. Following discussion, the committee directed Mr. Harman to inform Gateway that the borough wants the work completed before May 1st.

2010 Street Projects – Mr. Harman reviewed with the members a cost estimate for consideration to perform storm sewer work at Philadelphia Avenue and Berks Street. Mr. Harman explained that the most feasible solution is to construct a storm sewer along the east side of Berks Street from Philadelphia Avenue to an existing storm water system near the alley south of Rhoads Avenue. Inlets would be constructed at Philadelphia Avenue and Berks Street and at Berks Street and Rhoads Avenue. The estimated construction cost is \$175,000. Following a brief discussion, the committee agreed that the project is too costly to proceed. Mr. Harman was directed to meet with Mrs. Spaide

to gather information for a request for bids to reconstruct South Jefferson Street from Philadelphia Avenue to Third Street. The bid will be broken into base bid, Philadelphia Avenue to Rhoads Avenue and Rhoads Avenue to Third Street.

YMCA Proposal Splash Pad Update – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that the YMCA’s plan submission to the borough for the splash pad did not contain the necessary detail. The YMCA has been advised of this information and will contact their designer to correct the drawings. The project will most likely begin construction sometime after the close of the 2010 swimming season.

New Business

There was no new business to conduct.

Other Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary