

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
June 23, 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 Lori Carnes and Terry Mest; 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 26, 2010 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Endy, and approved.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Weller reviewed the monthly report of activities of street department personnel. Mr. Weller also discussed with the members an accident which involved the 1997 GMC. Mrs. Spaide reported that the accident has been reported to the borough's insurance company and she is awaiting a decision by the appraiser concerning the vehicle. Mrs. Spaide noted that she believes the insurance company will total the vehicle. Mrs. Spaide also noted her opinion that the vehicle should be replaced regardless of the decision of the insurance company. She noted that there are numerous light duty trucks listed on the state contract. Mr. Christman and Mr. Gabel will review with Mrs. Spaide the vehicles available on the state contract and have a recommendation for the committee at the July meeting.

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 noted that his office received two certificates of payment from Gateway. Review of those certificates revealed numerous errors in the certificates, which have been confirmed in writing to Gateway. Mr. Harman further noted that Gateway has threatened legal action if the payments requested are not forthcoming. Mr. Harman and Mrs. Spaide will consult with Mr. Hartman and arrange a meeting with Gateway management.

2010 Street Projects – The contract for the work has been conditionally awarded to EJB. They have submitted acceptable bonds and insurance; therefore, a notice to proceed order will be generated. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

New Business

Trees Inner Core and Community Park – Mrs. Spaide informed the members that the root system of two of the three trees along the entrance driveway from South Reading Avenue to the Inner Core Parking Lot are growing into the building located next to the driveway. Mrs. Spaide recommended the trees be removed and advised the committee that the cost to remove the trees and stumps is \$1,400. Mrs. Spaide further noted that she believes the BBB Tree Committee is interested in planting new trees. Following discussion, the committee agreed that the trees and stumps should be removed.

Mr. Deery informed the members of a letter he received from a property owner on Englesville Road whose property abuts the community park. The letter concerned three trees which the property owner believes are located on the park property that are growing over his property and would cause property damage if they fell. It was noted that one of the three trees in question is dead. Mr. Deery stated that he, Mrs. Spaide and Mr. Gabel met with the property owner at the park to look at the subject trees. Mr. Deery further noted that Mrs. Spaide has been in contact with Boyertown Tree Service concerning work in the park and could have them remove these three trees when they perform that work. Mr. Deery noted that Mrs. Spaide, Mr. Gabel and he recommend removal of the trees. Following brief discussion, the committee agreed.

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, July 21, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary