

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 18, 2023

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

Also present were Lorraine Carnes, Mayor; Councilmen Jeff Cascino and Charles Heller; Bruce Hansley, Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark LLC; and Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.

Mr. Christman called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Mr. Christman made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to approve the minutes of the March 21st, 2023 meeting of the committee. The motion was approved.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Hansley reviewed with the committee the monthly report on the activities of the department.

Regarding the construction of a salt shed, Mrs. Loder advised the committee of recent events concerning the Colebrookdale Railroad's encroachment on the property which the Borough is leasing from the Redevelopment Authority of Berks County. The RR is constructing bins for storage of coke which will be used by the local foundry. As the construction was underway the RR was informed by the foundry that the storage bins were not properly sized for coke storage and would cause the coke on the bottom to be crushed making it unusable. A decision was made to enlarge the bins which resulted in a significant encroachment onto our lease area. Mr. Guest was not made aware of this decision until after the fact at which time he contacted me to discuss the matter. I told Mr. Guest we will have a site meeting with our engineer to determine if there is enough remaining lease area for the construction of a salt shed. Mr. Guest is aware that they are in violation of the lease between the Redevelopment Authority and the Borough and that the bins may have to be relocated. Mr. Guest also suggested the option of relocating the lease area to the east side of the access driveway off of East Second Street. Mr. Deery, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hansley, Mr. Unger and Mrs. Loder met at the site to layout the location of the salt shed. It does appear that there is sufficient area for the shed; however, stormwater control may be a problem, Mr. Unger will investigate. The committee noted that they would like construction of the salt shed to be done this year.

Unfinished Business

MS4 – Rain Garden Project - Mrs. Loder reviewed with the members punch list items which CMS plans to complete next week. Mr. Szeredai and Mr. Stabolepszy met with CMS and their landscaper last Friday to discuss the punch list. Deficiencies include the replacement of a few dead plants; additional rock in the forebay areas to slow the flow of water; lowering the overflow pipes with atrium grate/domes so water can get into them rather than over the downstream curb. It was also determined that the weed barrier/fabric may be creating a plane which increases the likelihood of the mulch washing away. The fabric will be removed where it is exposed and readily feasible to remove. SSM has requested a change order from CMS to have

the landscaper clean up the beds by removing the exposed fabric, supplementing soil, and supplementing and replacing the mulch channels through the beds.

Community Park Bank Stabilization – The PNDI clearance has been received. SSM will now work with the Borough on submission of the General Permit.

2023 Street Paving Project – The committee reviewed the bid tabulation provided by SDE, Inc. The successful low bidder is New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc. in the amount of \$350,372.20; Colebrookdale Township portion of the bid for Spring Street is \$25,950.00. This will be listed on the agenda of the May 1st meeting of Council for intent to award.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comment

There being no public comment and no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Christman and second by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager