

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 24, 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 Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark LLC; and Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.

Council member Jeffrey Cascino and Mayor Lorraine Carnes arrived at approximately 7:10 p.m.

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 September 19th, 2023 meeting of the committee. The motion was approved.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Hansley reviewed the report on the activities of the street department during the month of October.

Mr. Hansley advised that a pre-construction meeting for the salt shed project was held on Friday, October 20th. A construction schedule was provided reflecting mobilization beginning the week of October 23rd with a completion timeline of mid-December.

Mr. Hansley and Mrs. Loder advised the committee that SDE, Inc. has determined that New Enterprises work in the Orchard Hills Development is unacceptable in accordance with the contract. SDE personnel with the assistance of Solicitor Hartman are preparing a letter advising New Enterprise of the deficiencies in the project. It was noted that the work completed by New Enterprise on Spring Street is acceptable with the exception of the seam, which New Enterprise has agreed to address.

Mr. Hansley reviewed with the committee the 5 Year Street Reconstruction Plan. Mr. Hansley noted that many properties on Shaner Street, 5th Street and Washington Street have slate curbing. The engineers and Mr. Hansley recommend the slate curbing be replaced with concrete curbing. The slate curbing is very old and will likely not survive when the street is milled for repaving. Discussion was held on the subject, and it was agreed that the Borough will notify the residents who have slate curbing that it will have to be replaced prior to reconstruction of the street. These streets are projected to be repaved in 2026. The property owners will be notified as soon as possible which will give them two years advance notice.

Unfinished Business

MS4 – Stormwater Ordinance – Mrs. Loder advised that she has been told that SSM has completed revisions to the Stormwater Ordinance and will provide the revised ordinance to her by October 27th.

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 at 7:20 p.m. was made by Mr. Christman, second by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager