



Borough of Lansdale
Public Works Committee Minutes
Meeting of October 1, 2021

Members Present

B.J. Breish, Chairman
Leon Angelichio, Councilman
Andrew Carroll, Councilman
Chris Kunkel, Public Works Director
Greg Rapp, Superintendent WWTP
Jason Van Dame, Code Official
Christopher Fazio, RV Engineers
Tyler Williams, RV Engineers

Members Absent

Attendees: John Ernst, Borough Manager
Nancy Frei
Ed Scheuring
Dominic Pallante

Minutes of the July Public Works Committee were approved a by a vote of 3-0. No meetings were held in August or September.

o Committee Business Items

1. 2020 Mill & Overlay Program – There is a short final punch list and a few resident concerns to address before project is finalized.
2. Columbia Avenue Roadway Rehabilitation – Final paving will be scheduled shortly. Payment #1 is being processed for payment in the amount of \$1,177,331.37.
3. Laurel Lane Storm Sewer Project – Final paving has begun on this project. We received change order #1 for additional curb replacement and change order #2 is a request for a 30-day extension of time. We also received payment request #1 in the amount of \$315,287.56. The committee voted to put forth motions to full council for approval of the change orders and payment request.
4. CDBG North Richardson Avenue Rehabilitation Project – This project is in design.
5. MSW, Recyclables & Leaf Collection – Republic Services would like to extend the contract through December 2022 at no increase in price or term changes. This is the second, one-year extension permitted under the current contract. The committee voted to put forth a motion for approval of this extension to full council.
6. Repair Projects
 - a. Penn Street Storm Sewer Repair – A small sink hole identified pipe that has deteriorated. Total preliminary estimate for all repairs is under \$100,000 and possible funding via rescue funds or 2022 Capital Improvement.
 - b. Towamencin Avenue and Acorn Street Sanitary Repair – A small sinkhole in the road was identified as a damaged sewer pipe. Recommendation is to replace the pipe and underground utilities are currently being located so a design can be prepared. Preliminary cost estimate is \$60,000 and this project will be added as an alternate to an upcoming project to avoid additional bidding costs.
 - c. Salt Shed Repair/Replacement – Engineering review and repair recommendation is complete with an estimate of \$50,000-\$60,000. Replacement estimate would be \$150,000 but we would gain capacity. This would be a 2022 Capital Improvement request.
 - d. N. Valley Forge Road Culvert Repairs - Engineering report is forthcoming. This project would be minor repairs estimated at \$30,000 and work would be held until it can be grouped with other culvert repairs.

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7. New Grant Opportunities

- a. FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant – Use for cemetery MS4 and drainage improvement project. Estimated project cost \$500,000 – requested funds \$375,000 with Borough match of \$125,000
- b. EDA American Rescue Plan Act – Economic Adjustment Assistance grant to provide sanitary sewer upgrades along N. Cannon Avenue from the railroad tracks to Eighth Street. Estimated project cost \$800,000 – requested funds \$640,000 with Borough match \$160,000.
- c. PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund – Fund the 2022 ADA Ramp Replacement Program. Estimated project cost \$560,000 – requested funds \$350,000 with Borough match \$150,000.

8. WWTP Updates

- a. Whites Road Park Streambank Stabilization – RVE is working to solidify the final TDML reductions with DEP. An intergovernmental agreement with Upper Gwynedd Township related to MS4 credible improvements created through this project was presented the committee voted to put forth a resolution and motion to enter into this agreement to full council.
 - b. Pennbrook Pump Station Generator Upgrade Project – Cedar Electric has indicated that substantial completion will be on or before 11/28/21.
 - c. Pennbrook Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - We received the fourth and final payment for this project in the amount of \$11,729.45. The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council for payment.
 - d. UV Disinfection Project – We are moving forward with advertising and bidding of this project. Bids will be due at the end of January 2022. We received a proposal from RVE for construction management and inspection services not to exceed \$86,400. The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council to accept this proposal.
 - e. N. Towamencin Avenue & Acorn Street Sinkhole Repair – We received a proposal from RVE to provide survey and engineering for this project not to exceed \$15,000. The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council to accept this proposal.
 - f. East Main Street Streetscape Project – The exploratory test holes and sewer main evaluation is expected to be completed by the end of October. The evaluation will allow us to develop a plan on what sanitary work needs to be completed during this project.
 - g. WWTP Facility Updates – Mr. Rapp gave a brief description of needed maintenance and updating outdated equipment at the plant.
- o New Business
- a. Discussion was held on the installation of lateral backflow preventers on private laterals.
 - b. RVE- Sewer Rate Study – Mr. Rapp went over the RVE proposal for engineering services to perform a sewer rate study.
 - c. Merck, Inc. - Preliminary request for increase in capacity – Mr. Rapp went over Merck’s request to increase their flow by 150,000 per day over the next two years and a possible cost sharing venture.
- o Public Comment – Mr. Pallante discussed sanitary sewer back up in his basement on Acorn Street during heavy rain events and asked about the installation of the backflow preventer. Part of the issue may be with the sink hole and damaged pipe at the corner of Acorn and Towamencin. Discussion was held on working with residents whom wish to install backflow preventers with possible partial compensation, plumbing contractor assistance or Borough crew assistance. No decision was made and there will be a follow up to this conversation at future committee meetings. Question was raised why Whites Road Pump Station has such an odor.

Meeting adjourned.