

Borough of Lansdale  
Public Works Committee  
Meeting of February 3, 2016



Members Present

Steve Malagari, Chairman  
Denton Burnell, Councilman  
Rick DeLong, Public Works Supervisor  
Dan Shinskie, Superintendent WWTP  
Christopher Fazio, RVB Engineers

Members Absent

Tom Work, Councilman

Attendees:

Jake Ziegler, Borough Manager  
Mayor Andy Szekely  
Justin Smith, GIS Analyst  
Brian Poster, GIS/Info Tech Coordinator  
Anne Henning-Scheuring  
Carol Zellers  
Various Borough Residents

- Minutes from the December 2, 2015 committee meeting were approved by a vote of 2-0.
- Committee Business Items
  1. GIS Presentation on Road Maintenance – Justin Smith gave a short update on the pavement management Program he is working on at the request of the committee. Mr. Smith gave an overview of Phase I which is pulling infrastructure details from the historical records of past road projects. He is hoping to begin Phase II this summer which will be a visual evaluation of the roadways.
  2. 2013 CDBG Project – E. Second Street between Chestnut & Ridge Street –Mr. DeLong reported that RVB Engineers have reached out to Gorecon regarding punch list items and payment requests but are still waiting for their response.
  3. 2014 CDBG Project – E. Third Street between Ridge Street & Line Street – Mr. DeLong reported that we are waiting for receipt of the maintenance bond for this project and once this is received, a final request for payment will be made.
  4. Perkiomen Avenue – Cannon to Valley Forge Road – Mr. DeLong reported that all utility work is completed and any punch list items will be completed in the spring. Final paving will take place once the residents have completed their sidewalk and curb work which should be in early spring. The committee voted 2-0 to forward a change order and payment request to council for their approval at the 2/17/2016 meeting.
  5. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Station Off-Site Improvements – Mr. DeLong reported all work is completed except the installation of the bollards which will be installed within the next few weeks. It is anticipated there will be a payment request for the March meeting.
  6. Blizzard of January 2016 – Mr. DeLong reported we received approximately 26” of snow in a 24 hour period. He tried to explain the problems associated with trying to plow this type of storm and getting plows down some of the narrower streets in the borough. He explained that the guys worked very hard and that he understands there is always room for improvement but that the magnitude of this storm needs to be taken

into consideration. A brochure on frequently asked snow questions was handed out to the committee for their information. Several borough residents also expressed their frustration with snow clearance and removal during and after the blizzard. The committee members and a few residents thanked Rick and the guys for a job well done.

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7. WWTP Updates

- a. Merck Update –Mr. Shinskie reported we received 11.3 million gallons for an average of 364,000 gallons per day.
- b. WWTP Capacity Upgrade – Mr. Shinskie reported on the startup of the new pump station at the plant in the influent area of the plant. He reported they are currently using two of the new pumps for today's rain event. The committee voted 2-0 to recommend forwarding a payment request to council for their approval at the 2/17/2016 meeting. Mr. Shinskie reported landscaping and concrete work will take place in the spring.
- c. Resolution for Wissahickon Alternative TMDL Plan – Mr. Shinskie reported this resolution authorizes the borough to continue talks with various other municipalities along the Wissahickon Creek to come up with an alternative TMDL plan in lieu of the strict and unattainable regulations set forth under DEP's draft TMDL..

- Budget – Mr. DeLong reported the budget is tracking normally for this time of year even with the costs associated January's blizzard. He also reported that the management team has been meeting to discuss the capital plan and that a presentation would be made to full council in March.
- Old Business –Mr. DeLong reported that the Crestview Road project would be moving forth for this year and we are working on a draft cost sharing agreement with NPWA. It is currently being reviewed by both solicitors.

Mr. DeLong reported we received a request from Laffredo Construction for release of funds for the 2013 Roads Program – Phase I. They did not supply a maintenance bond so in accordance with the contract, the borough can hold the retainage for two years. The committee voted 2-0 to recommend a motion be forwarded for council approval at their next meeting.

- New Business – Mayor Szekely approached the committee regarding hanging both American and various country flags in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Spring Festival on Main Street from Broad Street to Cannon Avenue. There would be 54 flags total alternating between American and various county flags and they would be hung from early April until July 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost to the borough would be for the American flags and labor for installation. It was discussed hanging the American flags above and the individual country flags below allowing for more country flags to be installed. It was recommended that we reach out to the solicitor for flag protocol.

Anne Henning-Scheuring spoke briefly to the committee on the "Home Town Hero Project" where residents can sponsor a home town hero flag through a donation to be flown from April through Veterans Day along with American flags. This project is being supported by the local Veterans Associations and American Legion.

- Public Comment - Several borough residents expressed their frustration with snow clearance and removal during and after the blizzard as well as a thank you for a job well done. The specific complaints came from residents along the smaller and more narrow roadways.

Meeting Adjourned

