



Borough of Lansdale
Public Works Committee Minutes
Meeting of May 3, 2023

Members Present

BJ Breish, Chairman
Rich DiGregorio, Councilman
Mark Ladley, Councilman
Chris Kunkel, Public Works Supervisor
Greg Rapp, WWTP Superintendent
Chris Fazio, RV Engineers

Members Absent

Attendees:

Minutes from the April 5, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0.

- o Committee Business Items

1. Projects

- 1.1. 2022 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program – Nothing to report, waiting for contractor to re-mobilize.
- 1.2. 2022 UTBCO (NOVA Chip) Program – Work substantially completed with no issues to report.
- 1.3. East Main Street Streetscape (SEPTA Section) – Pennoni is working to finalize PennDOT permit.
- 1.4. Susquehanna & Courtland (Two-way conversion) – Waiting on approval by Public Safety Committee.
- 1.5. Hancock Street Flashing Warning Device – Bid opening was 4-28 and Pennoni will provide a letter of recommendation for approval at the June meeting. The lowest bid was higher than the estimate. Public Works will do the striping work for the crosswalk, purchase and install the bike station to reduce contract costs.
- 1.6. East Main Street Sewer Replacement – Work is ongoing and there will be a change order expected to be within the original contract totals.
- 1.7. 2023 Mill & Overlay Program- Bid were received and there is recommendation for award to James D. Morrissey in the amount of \$1,290,459.40 which is for the base bid, and alternate 4 and 5. The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council for approval.
- 1.8. 2023 Microsurfacing Program – Bids were received and there is a recommendation to award to Marino Corp. in the amount of \$1,251,919.00 for the base bid, alternate 1, and alternate 2. The committee voted to put forth to full council for their approval.
- 1.9. W 8th Street & Valley Forge Road Emergency Storm Sewer Repair – The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council at award the contract to KBC Construction in the amount of \$31,584.00.

2. Public Works Update – There was no discussion on these items to allow time for discussion of the sewer rate increase.

- a. Alley Maintenance
- b. Storm Sewer Repairs and Paving Preparation
- c. Project Preparation
- d. Street Sweeper Update – Currently using P.K. Moyer twice per week and borrowing sweeper from Hatfield one week a month.

3. Other Business Items – There was no discussion on these items to allow time for discussion of the sewer rate increase.

- 3.1 Infrastructure Update
- 3.2 Trash Service – There was a short discussion about starting with pickup at Borough owned facilities only and tabling residential pickup at this time. Grant opportunities for equipment etc., will continue to be explored.
- 3.3 Road Degradation Ordinance

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4. **WWTP Projects**

- 4.1 Whites Road Pump Station Project – Bids were received in April and the low bidder was Eastern Environmental in the amount of \$510,500. There is also a proposal from RV Engineers for construction and inspection services for this project not to exceed \$41,000. The committee voted to put forth both contracts for council approval.
- 4.2 Sewer Rate Increase – Mr. Rapp presented slides of aging equipment and infrastructure as reasons for the increase and stated there has not been an increase in sewer rates since January of 2015. He showed the committee various rate increases from other utility companies throughout the Commonwealth. The RV Engineers study showed both an immediate increase and a gradual increase scenario over the next several years. Council action would not be needed until late summer and being presented to committee for discussion only. Looking at possible monthly billing instead of quarterly billing. This would require NPWA cooperation as water is billed quarterly as well and sewer bills are as well.
- 4.3 UV Disinfection Project Update – An update was provided detailing the construction completed to date as well as payments 2 and 3.

Meeting adjourned

