



Borough of Lansdale
Public Works Committee Minutes
Meeting of February 1, 2023

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Minutes from the January 4, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting were approved by a vote of 2-0 because Rich DiGregorio was late.

o Committee Business Items

1. 2022 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program- We received a negative change order in the amount of -\$8925.00, and payment #2 in the amount of \$164,159.85 and #3 in the amount of \$158,670.03.
2. 2022 UTBCO (NOVA Chip) Program – We received Change Order #2 in the amount of \$113,967.00 for additional crack seal. This change order was expected and reviewed in August, but the amount was higher due to the conditions of the roads. Payment #1 in the amount of \$133,914.06 was paid to the contractor. The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council for approval of the change order.
3. East Main Street Streetscape (SEPTA Section) – SEPTA has delayed the project for a year.
4. Susquehanna & Courtland (Two-way conversion) – Ordinance change currently in Public Safety Committee. Work will be done in-house.
5. Hancock Street Flashing Warning Device -This project will be going out to bid next month. Chris will look into signage and possible crosswalk until warning device is completed.
6. East Main Street Sewer Replacement – Preconstruction meeting was held. Contractor is confirming material availability and will provide a schedule soon. There will be closures on E. Main Street between Line Street and Church Road between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. per PennDOT regulations.
7. 2023 Mill & Overlay Program – The committee voted to put forth a motion to prepare and advertise bid specifications for this project.
8. 2023 Microsurfacing Program - The committee voted to put forth a motion to prepare and advertise bid specifications for this project. Due to price increases, some roads made be put in as “add” alternate in contract.
9. Infrastructure Update – Chris gave a quick update on the report he submitted to the committee.
10. Trash Service – Mark Ladley requested researching an analysis of tipping fees, open land for housing trucks, etc. for municipal run trash collection which appears to be the more popular option. Mr. Breish stated with should look at a single trash hauler. Mr. Kunkel explained the challenges he faced in his two-year tenor running a municipal run trash hauler. Lansdale does not have a transfer station and would need to use a landfill which Mascaro owns in our area, and trucks breaking down and the need to be repaired and back on road to finish route as soon as possible. Lansdale does not have a mechanic for these types of trucks or a location for a garage. Mr. Ladley expressed he was looking for solutions not problems. Mr. Kunkel tried explaining to the committee the hurtles and challenges involved with municipal owned trash collection and suggested having a trash consultant do a study. BJ Breish suggested drafting an RFP for a trash consultant and continuing this conversation due to the interest of council.

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11. Public Works Update

- Purchase order issued for new replacement skid steer. Prices are already negotiated through Costars. We did ask for and receive an extended warranty.
- Second Christmas tree pick up was completed on January 14th.
- Began prep work on Stony Creek Parking Lot.
- Continuing storm sewer work.
- Hiring summer help and two new staff
- Special events planning, 44 events expected. Mobile stage is under construction.
- Ordering engineering for Norway sinkhole. Will be using state funds provided by Rep. Malagari.

12. WWTP Items

- a. Lansdale Borough's Act 537 Plan Update – In part, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537) was enacted on January 24, 1966, to address existing sewage disposal needs and to help prevent future problems through the proper planning, permitting, and design of all types of sewage facilities throughout Pennsylvania. The projected increase in Merck's capacity in combination with Lansdale Borough's projected flows over the next five-year period may exceed the WWTP's annual average flow rating of 3.2 MGD. To address the exceedance in annual average flow rating, we have initiated the process to update Lansdale Borough's Act 537 plan. The act 537 update will request an increase to approximately 3.5 MGD. The update is an administrative process, and no capital improvements are anticipated.
 - b. Aeration Upgrade Project – An inquiry and request for additional information was received from the COVID-19 PA ARPA H2O grant administrator, Justin Newman, in respect to the Lansdale application. The additional information was forwarded which will permit the grant application to be submitted for consideration.
 - c. Whites Road Pump Station Upgrade Project – The design and planning is 100 percent complete. The project is being scheduled to be advertised and bid with the opening occurring during the third week of March. We expect to request Council approval to award the contract in April. This project is being funded through Merck's increase in capacity agreement.
 - d. UV Disinfection Project – The gates associated with this project as well as the gates to provide better process control of the Treatment Plant 2, are expected to be delivered on Tuesday, January 31st. Currently modifications to the tanks influent and effluent openings are being completed in the bypass maze which will give the bypass maze the ability to handle the WWTP's peak wet-weather high flows. This will allow the construction of the UV disinfection project to continue through more significant wet-weather events without interruptions in construction. This project is also being funded by Merck's capacity increase agreement.
- o Public Comment - A resident questioned purchasing trash bags like Perkasio does and how will this municipal owned trash collection effect taxes. There was a question if the storm water work was going to be done during the sanitary sewer work portion of the project. Storm sewer work will take place during the streetscape portion of the project. There was a comment on the safety of the possible bike lane on S. Broad Street and Mr. Ernst stated that the traffic engineer has been contacted to do a study. More will be reported once the study is received.

Meeting adjourned.