



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

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Attendees:

John Ernst, Borough Manager
Richard Lewis
Anne Scheuring
Diane Messa
Ken Morgan
Jacqui Baxter-Rollins, Director of the Partnership TMA

Minutes of the February 1, 2023 Public Works Committee were approved by a vote of 3-0.

1. Projects

- 1.1. 2022 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program – No updates currently.
- 1.2. 2022 UTBCO (NOVA Chip) Program – No updates currently.
- 1.3. East Main Street Streetscape (SEPTA Section) – Waiting on storm sewer and tree placement and budget update to understand new scope of project based on budget limitations.
- 1.4. Susquehanna & Courtland (Two-way conversion) – Once the plan is submitted to PSC and council has approved, we will schedule the installation. Chris feels we can do this inhouse. Evaluate the impact on the E. Main crossing.
- 1.5. Hancock Street Flashing Warning Device – Bid documents are being prepared.
- 1.6. East Main Street Sewer Replacement – Work is proceeding and no issues to report currently.
- 1.7. 2023 Mill & Overlay Program – We can not go over budget and costs are expected to be higher than the original estimates due to inflation and road conditions requiring more work. W. Seventh Street coming off the 2023 list because there are storm sewer issues to be investigated. S. Broad Street and S. Line Street will be bid as “add alternate”. Mr. Kunkel supplied a list of which streets were going to be done under the contract and which ones would be removed.
- 1.8. 2023 Microsurfacing Program – There are several roads that will be removed from the list for different reasons. Mr. Kunkel supplied a list of which streets were going to be done under this contract and which streets would be removed.

2. Public Works Update – Time did not allow for this presentation.

3. Other Business Items

- 3.1. Infrastructure Update – Updated project list and costs, discussed Poplar Street complaint and culvert inspection reports.
- 3.2. Trash Service – Next step would be to get council approval for RFQ. Public Works has a preliminary list of firms to approach, and an electronics pickup was discussed. The committee voted 2-1 to put forth a motion to full council to seek a consultant for recommendations. It was discussed to revisit this topic with a new eye and learning from the previous mistakes made while bidding. Mr. DiGregorio feels we need to use available funds for infrastructure and not trash service changes.
- 3.3. Safe Streets for All Program – Chris stated it needs to go to the Public Safety Committee. There is a grant available with various phases other than just bike lanes.

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4. WWTP Projects

4.1. PECO Gas Main Right-of-way Agreement – PECO is seeking a right-of-way where the gas main will transition through Borough property. The committee voted to put forth a motion for the Borough Manager to enter the agreement to full council. The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council for approval to execute the ROW agreement.

4.2. Aeration Upgrade Project Update- Mr. Rapp gave a brief update on the project and H2O Grant application.

5. WWTP Update – Mr. Rapp will show slides next month due to time restraint.

- o Public Comment – Richard Lewis questioned why the Borough is revisiting the trash issue and does not feel the trash companies are ruining the roadways. The bidding procedure was too complicated the last time and he does not want Mascaro.
Anne Scheuring feels the residents have spoken on the issue of trash service and wants the tax money to go to roads, etc.
Diane Messa stated no one wants a single trash hauler and that Mascaro was low bidder last time and even gave a presentation and still the residents were interested. She feels there are enough trash companies available to get a good price.
Ken Morgan stated that the contractor doing the sanitary sewer work on E. Main Street is doing a fantastic job and Rick DeLong, the Borough inspector, has been great about answering any questions that the residents have. He also mentioned that traffic drives too fast on Main Street.
Dominic Carey spoke about his support of the bike lanes throughout and promotes biking and walking in the community.
Jacqui Baxter-Rollins mentioned there may be other possible grant opportunities for bike lane installation and going forward maybe we possibly incorporate bike lanes in infrastructure projects.

Meeting adjourned.