



Borough of Lansdale
Public Works Committee Minutes
Meeting of February 3, 2021

Members Present

BJ Breish, Chairman
Leon Angelichio, Councilman
Andrew Carroll, Councilman
Rick DeLong, Public Works Supervisor
Dan Shinskie, WWTP Superintendent
Greg Rapp, WWTP Assistant Superintendent
Jason Van Dame, Code Official
John Ernst, Borough Manager
Christopher Fazio, RV Engineers

Members Absent

Attendees:

Leslie Brey
Carole Farrell
Jason Platt
Julie Carter

Minutes from the January 6, 2021 Public Works Committee Meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0.

o Committee Business Items

1. 2020 Mill & Overly Program – This project will be completed in the spring once the weather breaks.
2. Columbia Avenue Roadway Rehabilitation – Bids have been advertised for this project and are due back on February 24th. It is anticipated a recommendation for award will be made at the March meeting.
3. 2021 ADA Ramp Project – We have identified some ADA ramps that can be replaced in conjunction with planned road projects. This is a work in process.
4. Traffic Signal Inspection & Maintenance – This is still a work in progress and there is nothing new to report.
5. Laurel Lane Storm Sewer Project – The bids for this project have been advertised and are due back on February 24th. It is anticipated there will be a recommendation for award at the March meeting,
6. Chamber of Commerce Banner Installation for 2021 – Mr. DeLong spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and they would like permission to hang the banners from the end of April through the end of October. The committee voted to put forth a motion and resolution for approval of their request.
7. WWTP Updates
 - a. Fire Alarm & Security System Upgrade – The system is up and running. We are meeting with the engineer on Thursday to review all work that was done and develop a punch list.
 - b. Whites Road Park Streambank Stabilization – There are a few punch list items that will be completed when the weather allows.
 - c. Pennbrook Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – The remaining work to be completed on this project is the lining of the main sewer line and the coating of the manholes. The main sewer line has been cleaned and inspected by the contractor is ready for lining.

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- d. Pennbrook Pump Station New Generator Installation – We received bids on January 22nd and the low bidder was Cedar Electric with a bid of \$292,000. The committee voted to put forth a motion to full council for approval to award this contract.
- o Old Business - Mr. Shinskie reported the WWTP is operating on power from the new electrical switchgear that was recently installed as part of the Solar Project. The changeover was made last week, and BSI and our staff did a great job with coordinating all the shutdowns and startups to make this possible.

Rick thanked Andy Krauss, Electric Superintendent and Dan Shinskie, WWTP Superintendent for reaching out on Sunday to see if he needed any equipment or manpower for the storm.

- o New Business - Mr. Shinskie reported they are looking at replacing the sewer cleaning truck. It is a 1999 truck that has served well but is ready for replacement. Greg Rapp gave a short overview of the types of trucks they are looking to get proposals for and more information will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

The committee discussed snow plowing procedures and some of the problems that arose after the recent snow storm. Residents clearing parking spots and sidewalks depositing the snow back onto the plowed street and how to educate the public. Parking and snow removal at the Equus property at the lot by the SEPTA Bridge and parking spaces behind the stores on the 300 block of W. Main Street was discussed. SEPTA Parking garage is available for commuter parking only and cannot be utilized by the residents in this area for parking during a snow emergency.

The question of plowing the alleys was also discussed and Mr. Ernst explained some of the difficulties faced by the borough in plowing the alleys. The alleys are considered private property and there are liability issues with property damage due to the snow plows. There was also further discussion that if the borough would plow, what type of plows would be best to use, the purchase of new V plows, size of trucks that can fit in the alleys, snow being plowed against garages or cars, and emergency vehicle access. The committee discussed preparing a policy that would outline if or when the borough would plow alleys, snow fall requirements, etc. This will be an ongoing discussion and suggestions are welcome at future committee meetings.

- o Public Comment – Leslie Brey of 418 Perkiomen Avenue also questioned the snow plowing of alleys and the hardships they faced getting their vehicles out of the alley and the limited parking on Perkiomen Avenue during snow emergencies. They questioned why the borough sometimes plows the alleys and other times does not.

Meeting adjourned.