



Borough of Lansdale
Public Works Committee Minutes
Meeting of May 5, 2021

Members Present

BJ Breish, Chairman
Leon Angelichio, Councilman
Andrew Carroll, Councilman
Rick DeLong, Public Works Supervisor
Dan Shinskie, Superintendent WWTP
Greg Rapp, Assistant Superintendent WWTP
Jason Van Dame, Building Official
Chris Fazio, RV Engineers

Members Absent

Attendees: Mark Ladley
Carol Farrell
John Ernst
Jason Platt

Minutes from the April 7, 2021 Public Works Committee Meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0.

o Committee Business Items

1. 2020 Mill & Overlay Program – Harris Blacktopping is scheduled to mill and pave Pennbrook Avenue during the week of May 17th which will complete this project. We will work with RVE to get any punch list items completed so we can close out this project.
2. Columbia Avenue Roadway Rehabilitation – Joao & Bradley was scheduled to start this project on April 26th but were finishing up their contract with NPWA. The new start date is May 24th and there are no anticipated delays in completing this project on time.
3. Laurel Lane Storm Sewer Project – Work is scheduled to begin on this project mid-June.
4. CDBG North Richardson Avenue Rehabilitation Project – The application for this project has been submitted to the County. It will take several months for the review process and award of grant funding.
5. WWTP Updates
 - a. Fire Alarm & Security System Upgrade - We are nearing the end of this project. The Fire and Security System has been functioning well with a few minor problems. The Fireworks computer was moved to The WWTP so the Police Department will only see the fire and security alarms and not the system trouble Alarms that come through. To answer the concerns raised at the last meeting about the change orders on the Fire and Security Project, these changes were made at our request for ease of use for the Police Department and the WWTP. The total of the Change Orders was an additional \$5,312.20. This is only 1.4 percent of the original contract cost of \$376,500.
 - b. Whites Road Park Streambank Stabilization - The contractor is scheduled to start the punch list work on the streambanks on Wednesday May 5th or later this week.
 - c. Pennbrook Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation -The manhole lining on Pennbrook Avenue has been completed. The contractor is started work on lining the manholes on Hancock Street today and should finish this week.

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- Old Business – Mr. Shinskie gave an update on the UV Disinfection Project. ARRO Consulting, Inc., our design consultants for the Ultraviolet Disinfection (UV) Project, should have the design plans and specifications completed soon. We need to apply and receive a permit from DEP and we will then be asking the committee to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the bid specifications
- New Business - Mr. DeLong reported the storm sewer pipe on Ridge Street between Oak Drive and the dead end has failed and a very large sinkhole has developed in the cart way of Ridge Street. We will need to have a contractor repair this condition immediately as it is a present danger to the health and safety of Borough residents who live in this area. We do not have to get 3 quotes for this work because it falls under "emergency repair". The Borough received a quote from KBC Construction in the amount of \$42,230.00. RVE has reviewed this quote and recommends awarding this work to KBC Construction for immediate repair. The Borough Solicitor recommended Council passing a motion for a resolution to move forward with the "emergency repair" on Ridge Street. The committee recommended to put forth a motion to adopt a resolution retroactively approving this work at the May 19th business meeting. The Borough will be looking into implementing a storm sewer inspection program going forward.

RVE is going to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$422,703.00 for streambank stabilization at Lansdale Cemetery on behalf of the Borough. The grant funding is through the Flood Mitigation Program from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The committee voted to put forth a resolution to full council for their approval to apply for this grant funding.

Public Works staff is currently hanging the Hometown Hero Banners for the 2021 season.

Mr. Shinskie reported he is in the process of receiving proposals for the purchase and replacement of two of the pumps at Pennbrook Pump Station. These are the two smaller constant speed pumps. The new pumps will be dry pit submersibles like the ones we installed in Whites Road in 2016. This style of pump eliminates the long shafts connecting the motor and pump, between the top and the bottom floors, reducing vibrations. We plan on purchasing the pumps through the Costars Program and we hope to get your approval for this purchase next month.

- Public Comment – A question was raised on when the fountain at Stony Creek Park would be working. It was explained the fountain pump was replaced with a more effective aeration system due to the pump clogging. The Parks & Recreation Committee would be discussing ways on how to make the fountain more decorative in the future.

Councilman Angelichio questioned how roads are selected for resurfacing, infrastructure work, mill and paving, etc. Current projects have been NPWA driven so all infrastructure and milling and paving work would be completed at one time. This is cost effective for both the Borough and NPWA because of cost sharing agreements for these joint projects. A discussion will be held inhouse to see which roads would benefit from milling and paving only which would allow the Borough to get a little more bang for the buck.

Meeting adjourned.