

PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
September 10, 2012

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER GARY ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN
COMMISSIONER MIKE FULGINITI
COMMISSIONER MIKE HIGGINS
COMMISSIONER CAROL GRAHAM
Richard D. Lehr, Twp. Secretary/Manager
Russell Palmore, Twp. Road Foreman
Joseph Viscuso, Twp. Engineer
George Needles III, Twp. Administration
Carol L. Thompson, Secretary

Commissioner Gary Robinson, Chairman of the Public Works Committee called the September 20, 2012 Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. This meeting was held up-stairs at the Twp. Building.

ROAD FOREMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT:

NEW TRUCK:

Russ informed the Committee that the New Dump Truck has been Delivered and is now at Jerry's(Intercon) for service. He was informed that service on the truck would not be completed until late in October. Dick will call Jerry tomorrow and talk to him about when it will be completed.

LEAF BAGS:

The Committee was informed that there is one pallet left of leaf bags that we ordered last year. This should get us through for 2012 leaf season. Price on the bags for sale will be discussed at Executive Committee.

SUMMER HELP:

Russ stated that all summer help is gone. Bob Westbrook, Jeff Owsley, & Shawn McNicholas has been with us all through their School years. He expressed they did a great job for us during the Summer Season.

TRASH TRUCK ACCIDENT:

There was an accident with one of our Trash Trucks, Russ reported. He stated that is was not our fault and an adjuster from their Insurance Company will be coming out to look at the truck. There may be Frame Damage on the Truck.

BULK TRASH HAS BEEN PICKED UP ALONG WITH FREON ITEMS.

GRASS CUTTING

Russ explained that all grass cutting is still taking place along with vacant homes throughout the community. Islands and Parks are also being cut.

CUT TREES

Russ stated that we did have Marc (Treetops) cut many trees around the Old School House on Old Pennell Road.

PAINTED CROSS WALKS

The Township Highway crew did have all the cross walks painted In time for the start of the School Year.

HEAVY RAIN

The recent heavy rainfall during the storms created debri in inlets and stones along the roadways. We did use the Street Sweeper to clean up debri and stones. Our Highway Workers also clean out many inlets that were blocked.

Commissioner Mike Higgins requested that Russ look at the inlet at the Intersection of Richard and Thomas Roads.

Commissioner Carol Graham discussed the drainage along Mount Road during the heavy rain. Commissioner Graham mentioned Gary Gabe house. Russ stated that nothing was clogged. The heavy rain fall caused overflow at certain intersections and along roadways.

ROADPROGRAM UPDATE

Joseph Viscuso, Twp. Engineer reported there was a Pre-construction meeting with the contractor and the Townships.

The 2012 Road Program was cleared by Penn Dot and ready to go.

The contractor (A.F. Damon) will be starting in Aston on Monday. They will notify the residents on the roads that will be resurfaced. Attached to the minutes is a list of all roads in the wards to be resurfaced.

The committee discussed the alternate project which was Weir Road. Discussion of monies necessary to complete the alternate area was

discussed. The cost of the project is \$238,000.00 and the alternate road project (Weir Road) would be \$20,000.00.

Joe Viscuso stated that as the weekly invoices (tickets) are turned in for payment it would be determined whether alternate road project can be completed.

DRAINAGE LIST

Township Engineer, Joe Viscuso stated there has been one new addition to the previous list. Mrs. Disabatino of 4331 Concord Road has been added to the drainage list.

Commission Carol Graham stated that Mr. Disabatino called her after this current heavy rain fall.

CURBING & SIDEWALK REPAIR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

George Needles reported that there are currently two areas at the Community Center in need of sidewalk and curbing replacement. One sidewalk area is large and when repaired will be divided into four separate blocks. This will make it less expensive for future repairs.

George also stated that he talked with Jim Persing, Custodian At the Community Center . Jim would like to have the Township Commissioners agree to put a plaque in the cement block area in commemoration of a recently deceased Township Employee Steve Bernard .

George reported that he did get an amount to do the job from Frank Marcella .

Commissioner Gary Robinson stated that George should also get an amount from Brookside and one other.

Dick Lehr would like to see project completed before Community Day.

HVAC REPAIRS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

There was an inspection by CM "3" of the Community Center/Library. There are 16 boxes which are dampers located in the Community Center. Two of these Dampers are in need of replacements. This is currently not in our Maintenance Contract with CM "3".

The cost would be \$2,400.00

NEW ROAD DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Commissioner Mike Fulginiti explained Mr. Cotter located on New Road gets flooded out from the current flow of water coming from the Erb Road area. The water flow needs to be eliminated.

Dick Lehr and Nick Cirilli, Engineer along with Commissioner Mike Fuliginiti will inspect the area.

MILL RIDGE RETENTION POND

Dick Lehr informed the Committee that A.F. Damon will be doing repairs at Mill Ridge in the next few weeks.

AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PROCEED WITH BID SPECS FOR ARLE GRANT FOR TRAFIC LIGHT PROJECT.

George Needles informed the Committee that we received a State Grant for \$33,000.00. We would like to use the grant for replacement Of traffic lights to LED Lights along with LED for School Flashing Signs And Handman Signals (Walk don't Walk).

WALK BEHIND LAWN MOWER (REPLACEMENT)

Russ informed the Committee that the Walk Behind Lawn Mower we currently use is 11 years old. This mower has been fixed and rigged and needs to be replaced.

Tom's Lawn Mower Service cost is \$4,995.00

Burkes cost would be \$3,595.00.

There is currently money in Russ's Budget for this item.

Russ will check with Maureen and see what is available.

TREE PLANTING AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Russ informed the Committee that Marc from Treetops has generously Donated several trees to be planted at the Township Community Center. They would be planted along the 3 "J" Gas Station Area.

These are mature trees and the extras needed for the planting of the Area would cost \$1,000.00

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Russ stated that Aston Township will introduce a once a week Recycling Pick Up for the Residents starting the first week in October.

Door-Hangers are being distributed throughout the Township informing The Residents.

Notifcation of the new program is on our TV Station. This is also a short Video made by George Needles featuring Russ and other Twp. Highway Employees informed the residents where they can get rid of extra Recycling products at the Township Building.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mike Higgins discussed a Traffic Calming Pattern which includes Planters along roadways. Commissioner Higgins presented a drawing showing how it could be done. Commissioner Higgins stated that this may want to be considered for a road like Richard Road. Richard Road is a long stretch of road without any Stop Signs.

Joe Viscuso stated that there are several different type of devices used for a Traffic Calming Situation. He will bring some of these to the Executive Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Higgins would also like research to be done to Find out if there are any Grants available to be used for Traffic Calming

Commissioner Carol Graham inquired about the new sign to be installed at Fisher Park. Russ stated that Sarro Sign is making a new sign that should be completed very soon.

M S 4 Report

Joe Viscuso stated that the M S 4 Report which is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Report required by The state have been completed and signed and will be send

There being no further business of the Public Works Committee the September 2012 Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol L. Thompson

