

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2016
12:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman Scott Shaffer, Committee Members James Decker, Sr. and Donna Isenberg; Councilmembers Jim Bair, President David Quarry, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, Maintenance Supervisor Thomas Yarnell, WTP Supervisor Steve Williams and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Gary Cramer, Erik Lindberg, John Gradwell, Carl Lechner, Curt Reese, Bob Lechner, Tom Fouse, and the Daily News.

Chairman Shaffer called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Cramer asked about the 15 min. parking sign in front of the borough office. He asked why do the signs not say borough business only. He also wanted to congratulate Tom and his team on the inlets at 6th and Moore Streets. They did a nice job.

John Gradwell agreed. He said he is concerned about the about the inlets at Moore and 14th Street. He would like some calcium on Peace Chapel Road.

Supt. Yarnell stated that Burke goes around every morning 1st thing and checks for any bad spots on the roads.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Chairman Shaffer asked if there were any questions on Maintenance Supervisors Report. Councilwoman Isenberg stated that Moore and 11th Streets was icy then the next day there was a hole filled with debris. Supt. Yarnell responded that they removed the debris. The gas line runs there.

Councilman Decker reported that a tree fell onto Cold Springs Road. The trunk is on the apron at 29th across from Burke's house. Supt. Yarnell stated he will have it removed.

Councilwoman Isenberg reported that the crew that was working down on William Smith Street was not wearing their safety gear. There already was an issue with a sign falling on someone's head. She asked Supt. Yarnell to please remind them to wear their gear.

Councilwoman Isenberg asked if the signs have been put up for 5th and Cherry Avenue. Supt. Yarnell responded that he does not know he will check.

OPEN ISSUES:

STREET PAVING: Manager Wheeler stated that we will have in the range of \$250,000.00-275,000.00 for paving for 2016.

David Quarry arrived: 12:51 p.m.

Councilwoman Isenberg asked if he has checked the water running across Warm Spring Avenue off Agnes Street. Chairman Shaffer responded after it rains a lot of water runs downhill.

Manager Wheeler stated that he has been in touch with John Pecze, but has not heard back from him as yet. He also has been in contact with UGI to pave 4th Street to 2nd Street and to do all of Washington Street.

Chairman Shaffer asked Supt. Yarnell to look at the streets and get with Bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 STREET PAVING LIST: Chairman Shaffer stated we need to get with the School they want to pave one of their parking lots.

Chairman Shaffer stated that we need to get our paving list out to UGI and we should also get it Maureen. He stated we would like to have the paving project completed by 6/3 or 7/30/2016.

Chairman Shaffer stated we want to let the contractor know that they must do sealing of the curbs while the streets are closed. Supt. Yarnell can get the guys out to look at the inlets, manholes, and risers.

Manager Wheeler stated that he has not heard back from John Pecze as yet. Chairman Shaffer stated we will go ahead and bid, if necessary we will eliminate streets that will run over what we cannot afford to do.

Councilman Bair asked if we are going to look at Bearcat Alley. Chairman Shaffer responded that it will need to be patched. Councilman Bair stated this is more than a patch. Manager Wheeler is going to talk to Tom about seeing if some of these projects can be done in house.

Councilman Bair stated this is why we need to get the tar buggy purchase going. Supt. Yarnell stated that he just found one.

Mr. Cramer asked if anyone has looked at 27th and Cold Springs Road that both lanes are really rough. Chairman Shaffer stated we want to do something. We want to see what the College is doing first.

Chairman Shaffer discussed that he would like to move his committee meeting to the 2nd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Bair said that he feels that is an injustice to the public. People cannot get off work 1st thing in the morning. Chairman Shaffer said that the maintenance committee all agreed. He said it is better for Bill and Tom. If the public has something and they cannot make it they will need to speak to a committee member. Councilman Bair stated that he will not be here. He will record them. Councilman Decker stated I agreed but I do not want to come early then come back later in the day.

Manager Wheeler stated that HRI is here to talk to Council so they might have a better understanding where we are in terms of completion of the water plant project.

Curt Reese began by pointing out to Council several of the scheduling incidents that came up causing numerous delays in work getting completed.

Bob Lechner also spoke to council explaining incidents for example water test that needed taken but they were not made aware of them and it became too cold. The Engineer controlled the plant and they would have to wait months at a time for answers for issues.

President Quarry stated what this all boils down to is a lack of communication.

Manager Wheeler stated that what you need is for Council to agree to a material and routing change. You want to change the stainless steel pipe to Plastic and the direction in which you are running it. Councilwoman Isenberg stated originally we were told that we would get the pipe right away now you are saying 4 weeks.

Manager Wheeler stated that he will get ahold of people from HRI and from GHD and have everyone meet here to try to get this worked out.

Councilwoman Isenberg asked when we get everyone together, will they be able to give us a completion date.

Chairman Shaffer stated he wanted to talk about brine. He spoke with Bellefonte, Lewistown, Tyrone, and Hollidaysburg Boroughs and none of them use brine. He does not think we should use it.

ADJOURNMENT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary

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