

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 14, 2018

2:00 PM

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Terry Green, Committee members Dave Quarry and John Hyde, Councilmembers James Bair, Robert Jackson and Borough Manager Daniel Varner.

Kylie Morningstar was present to take the minutes.

Travis Gutshall was present for the Maintenance Department.

**Visitors:** Dean Harris, Kay Rossman, Port Williams, and Gary Cramer

Terry Green called the meeting to order.

Terry Green asked the visitors if they had any comments to present at this time.

- Kay Rossman said she received a call regarding the property at 2905-2907 Morning Hills Rd., (Deb Hickers residence) that the yard is beginning to sink. Travis said they just ran the camera on the line and the work is on the list to be completed.
- Dan mentioned that we needed a good 2 to 3 days of dry weather so we don't tear up the residences yards.
- Dan also stated that the ditch was cleaned out at 27<sup>th</sup> St. which has made a big difference with the run-off.
- Port Williams extended his appreciation and wanted to thank the borough for all the work they are doing. He made mention that one of the sump pumps on Catherine St. does need to be defined.
- Dean Harris expressed concerns about the numerous water breaks on 8<sup>th</sup> & Washington St. and when this line is going to be replaced.

Travis Gutshall asked if there was any questions on the Maintenance report. No issues were reported.

### **Open Issues**

- Borough Manager Dan Varner mentioned that he met with Ilona Ballriech & Megan Marshall (A professor at Penn State) about looking for potential places for rain gardens in the borough for student involvement in a demonstration project.
- It was also mentioned by Manager Varner about having a new group of engineering students at Penn State do a study on Muddy Run from 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Borough Manager Dan Varner stated that representatives from the state, Rich Irvin, John Eichelberger and Jake Corman all sent letters of support for the Growing Greener Grant that the borough applied for.

- Travis reported that we have had crews out cleaning the inlets out and doing some tree trimming along Cold Springs Rd.
- Borough Manager Dan Varner stated that the road going up to the tank in Smithfield needs done and he will talk to Griffith about when we can get up there.
- Borough Manager Varner said that we are able to add 25<sup>th</sup> St. to the paving bid. Grannas Bros. is looking at starting the work in October. The rain has them behind schedule.
- Manager Varner reported that the water came up fast today from all the rain and HRI had to pull out of Muddy Run site @ 9<sup>th</sup> St. They will begin work when rain stops. Delivery of the arch is scheduled for Friday. The forms need to be set and ready for the arch.
- Councilman Terry Green reported that the drain @ 13<sup>th</sup> & Washington St. was a much nicer long term solution. Travis Gutshall confirmed that the spouting was tied in.
- Borough Manager Dan Varner said Kenny Evan was to close the street down Tuesday, August 14, 2018 to begin work immediately on the Warm Springs Ave. wall project. It will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jim Bair expressed some concerns from borough resident Eileen Hook at 701 7<sup>th</sup> St. She had to have her basement pumped out and has never had water in all the years she has lived there. Ralph, borough maintenance employee reported back to Travis that it looks like ground water running down the sidewalk.
- Travis mentioned that he would like to have some sort of guidelines of what to look for in a used tri-axle dump truck. He would like to know what size of truck and price range.
- Travis Gutshall reported that the jet vac will not be out on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.
- It was discussed there were 4 bidders interested in repairing the 60" overflow along the Norfolk Southern railway. Norfolk Southern Insurance will pay to cover this.
- Dan reported that he put the schedule for the combined sewer project on all of council's mailboxes.
- It was reported that the rotary club wants to do a community project and put up a historical sign on the old railroad bridge on East Penn St.
- Dan reported he had a conference call with DEP about the water allocation permit.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM