



# Public Works Committee

April 21, 2008

6:00 PM

Chairperson: Mike Kutschbach Council Chambers

## Minutes

### In Attendance:

Mike Kutschbach, Chairperson      Connie Flasher, DAS  
Jerry Walter, Member                  Tony Barbarino, DPW Superintendent  
Jane Braunlich, Member

**Mike Kutschbach, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

### Citizens:

- ❖ There are no citizens present that wish to speak.

### Public Works:

- ❖ Mr. Barbarino presented his report to the Committee.
  - Mr. Barbarino explained that on West Avenue there was a water main break and that West View Water wanted the Borough to remove a section of the storm pipe so that they can access their water line.
  - He stated that he and the DAS informed West View Water that the Borough would not take out the Borough's pipe and that they had to work around it.
  - He further explained that it was decided if West View Water was to break the Borough's storm pipe they would be responsible to fix it.
  - He stated that West View Water did get to their pipe without damaging the Borough's and they were able to correct the break.
- ❖ The DAS stated that she had received information from Ms. Janra Rankin who resides at 703 Means Avenue about a sewage backup issue.
  - She stated that Ms. Rankin notified her that sewage had backed up into her basement and that Ms. Rankin had submitted estimates of what costs she accrued due to the sewage back up.
  - Mr. Barbarino stated that the Borough's main sewer line backed up right before Ms. Rankin's lateral causing sewage to go through her basements floor drains into her basement.
  - The Committee made a motion to forward the information to the insurance company.
- ❖ The DAS stated that she had researched whether or not there could be composting down by Gillotte Field.
  - She stated that there may be some issues with composting in that area.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about where they could place a compost pile.
  - Mr. Barbarino stated that Gillotte field is not a large enough area to dump the amount of the leaves that the Borough removes.
  - Mr. Walter questioned if there is a percentage of the leaves that need to be composted or if it has to be all of the leaves to be eligible for the recycling grant.
  - The DAS stated that all of the leaves would have to be composted.
  - There was discussion about how large of an area needs to be designated for composting in order to accommodate the Borough's amount of leaves.
  - The Committee established to have the DEP come to the Borough to see where the Borough can place the compost pile and not become an environmental hazard.

**Building:**

- ❖ The DAS presented to the Committee the three quotes that she received to do the electrical work in the third floor of the Borough Building.
  - The DAS proposed to take the money for this out of the Borough Buildings maintenance line item rather than out of the bond since this would have to be done anyways.
  - There was discussion by the Committee.
  - The DAS noted that the lowest bid that was received was from APEX Electric Incorporated at a cost of \$1,500.00.
  - Mr. Walter seconded by Mr. Kutschbach made a motion to have the electric work to be completed by APEX Electric Incorporated at a cost of \$1,500.00 from the general fund building maintenance line item.

**Snow Removal:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Road Maintenance:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Road Construction:**

- ❖ Mr. Walter explained to the Committee a situation that was brought to his attention where a plumbing contractor was having difficulty with a resident that had contracted him to complete some work.
  - Mr. Walter questioned if the street openings permits are signed off by Borough personnel that inspects the opening and backfilling process.
  - Mr. Barbarino explained to the Committee that the contracted plumber is requesting the Borough write a letter certifying the work that he completed for the resident was up to Borough requirements in regards to the opening and backfilling procedures.
  - The DAS explained that by certifying the letter the Borough is getting themselves involved in a private lawsuit between a resident and the contracted plumber.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about whether the Street Opening Ordinance states that the Borough must in writing sign off on the work that was completed by the contracted plumbers.
  - There was discussion about the specific situation and whether or not the contracted plumber did get the proper permits prior to the opening of the street.
  - The Committee stated that they would not like to become involved in this specific situation between the property owner and contractor.
- ❖ There was discussion by the Committee about the Recycling Grant and what needs to be done in order to be eligible for the grant.

**Sidewalks & Curbs:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Sanitary Sewers:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Storm Sewers:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Signs, Markings & Parking Issues:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Administration:**

- ❖ The DAS noted to the Committee that the second phase of the point repairs will be started.
  - Mrs. Braunlich questioned how much this phase will cost.
  - The DAS state that it will cost \$113,400.00 which will be taken out of the bond.
  - Mr. Barbarino noted that there are a total of five phases that the Borough needs to complete in order to comply with the Allegheny County Consent Order.

- The Committee requested for the DAS to verify that the bond will be reimbursed with the sewer surcharge money that has been collected.
- The DAS stated that she will do so.

**Council Members:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**New Business:**

- ❖ Mr. Kutschbach questioned whether or not there is a monthly calendar that is issued by the Administrative Office.
  - The DAS stated that there is one and she believed that they were being distributed to the Council Members.
  - The DAS stated that she will direct the Administrative Office to place the calendars in the Council member's mailboxes that do not have e-mail capabilities.
- ❖ There was discussion by the Committee about possibly purchasing a new copier machine for the Council chambers.
  - The DAS stated that she will look into it.

**Citizen Comments:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



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Connie Flasher  
Secretary

**Motions to be made:**

1. **Motion to have the electric work for the third floor of the Borough Building completed by APEX Electric Incorporated at a cost of \$1,500.00 from the general fund building maintenance line item.**