



## Public Works/Public Property Committee

*Chair: Fran FitzGerald*  
*Member: Cleon Berntheizel*

*Vice Chair: Pamela Williams*  
*Alternate: Kelly Murphy*

### Minutes: December 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **In Attendance:**

Committee:	FitzGerald, Williams, Murphy	Absent: Berntheizel
Staff:	Rebecca Denlinger, Borough Manager Leo Lutz, Mayor John Novak, Council Vice-President	Jake Graham, Highway Mgr. John Bender, Wastewater Manager Wilson Affeld, Custodian
Residents:	Sharon Lintner, Joe Lintner, Frank Doutrich, Dale Weibley, Roche FitzGerald, Gerald Hawn, Nancy Baer, Robert Swartzwelder	

- **Approval of November 20, 2018 Minutes**

Motion: Williams      2<sup>nd</sup>: Murphy      Vote: All in favor

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### Announcement

With over forty years in the environmental field under his belt, John Bender has always approached his profession with an excitement to learn, and a desire to apply the latest technology to ecological and environmental challenges.

John earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration and Management from Susquehanna University. He furthered his education at Penn State University, concentrating his studies in Civil Engineering.

As owner and manager of the Lewisburg satellite office for Uni-Tec Consulting Engineers, he worked for twelve years with a highly professional staff of nine.

John's professional experience in water/wastewater includes an impressive twenty-six years as a Project Manager, Client Contact, Planner, Designer, and Operations Specialist.

John has served the Borough well for the past 4+ years, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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### Public Works Updates

- **Bonded Roads Ordinance:**

Borough ordinance prohibits the opening of bonded streets for a period of ten years. In an effort to preserve roads beyond the current ten-year moratorium (except in the case of emergency), the borough solicitor will be requested to refine language asking to "reserve the right to prevent any

road from being disturbed or opened in any way.” This will be forwarded to full council for approval.

A property owner at 121 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street has requested a street opening to allow for gas line connection. This road was completed in 2008, and is still in very good condition. Mr. Graham will contact UGI to discern whether an alternate path may be taken.

- **Utility Performance Bond:**

We currently have two bonds with both PPL & UGI, as per borough code:

- **186.10 Fees and Bonding**

- Public utility companies desiring to open or excavate a street shall provide the Borough with a bond of indemnity by a reputable surety company licensed to do business in the commonwealth, in the amount of \$50,000 in one calendar year ... A bond of indemnity shall be furnished separately for each calendar year by a public utility company and shall be in effect for 36 months. All other persons or entities, including contractors performing work for the Borough, desiring to open or excavate a street shall furnish to the Borough a properly executed surety bond.

- **9<sup>th</sup> Street Project:** Cost - \$17,658.52
- **500/600 Blocks of Walnut Street:** Mr. Gerald Hawn cited several items listed on contract and requested the “punch list” from the borough engineer. C.S. Davidson. Questions concerning the testing of concrete will also be forwarded to C.S. Davidson.
- **Tree Planting:** The Public Works Department will work with the Tree Commission to plant throughout the borough as weather permits.
- **Sign Maintenance and Line Painting:** Crews started painting crosswalks and stop bars with our thermal plastic machine. They continue to work on inventory and replacement of signs throughout the borough. A safety hazard was cited at 5<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets – no parking or speed sign in place.
- **South Eighth Street CDBG 2018-2019:** Utility crews from UGI and Water Company are presently renewing mains and services in the 000 Block. Doli Construction will reconstruct the sidewalks and roadway as weather permits.
- **Damaged Storm Drains and Inlets**
  1. **Grinnell Avenue:** 8” PVC pipe and associated “Y” fittings installed under entire length of grass “beauty strip” from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street. All will connect to a new catch basin at 10<sup>th</sup> Street, which flows into existing pipe down to Barber Street. All work completed by borough workers and a borough-contracted plumber, to ensure uniformity and quality of workmanship. Residents wishing to connect downspouts from roofs (at their own expense) will be given a list of qualified plumbers.
  2. **Norwood and Cloverton Drives:** Rholan Paving completed repairs to 10 ft. deep sinkhole.
  3. **1640 Ironville Pike:** Borough crews replaced collapsed 36-inch storm sewer; still in need of restoration.
  4. **Mill/Florence Street under Heisey Mechanical Building:** The contractor has completed slip-lining under building; need temperatures above 40 degrees to complete refurbishing of two inlets.

5. **Mill/Second Street, including portions along Shawnee Run adjacent to Elite Energy:** engineer is working on solution to address failed wing wall, erosion, and excessive washouts. Permit application with DEP may take several months.

6. **Parking Lot - 3<sup>rd</sup> & Linden Streets:** Because we do not have the proper equipment to address the storm drain collapse, and because of potential liability issues for borough workers, Mr. Graham is now working to secure a contractor.

- **Grants Update:**

1. **902 Recycling Grant:** Received full funding as requested from DEP. Now waiting for grant contract to order proposed equipment.

2. **2018 CDBG:** awarded \$100,000 for 000 Block of South Eight Street; Doli Construction was the low bidder. Work will begin upon completion of utility repairs. \$200,000 was awarded for market house improvements. Project is currently under design.

### Property Updates

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Mr. Bender is working with the solicitor to prepare a bid packet. Sales of market items, vehicles, and wastewater items on Municibid have yielded \$50,220.76
- **Borough Farm:** We are working with a representative from SCORE to develop a business plan for the recycling facility,
- **137 South Front Street:** As of the December 10 meeting of the Borough Council, we are now proceeding under 30-day wait period allowing for additional lease bids. Should there be none, Council may approve a 5-year lease with K.T. Graham.
- **Market House:** Plans now being designed; bidding will commence.

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**Adjournment:** 7:59 PM

Motion: Williams

2<sup>nd</sup>: Murphy

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,  
Fran FitzGerald  
Chair, Public Works & Public Property Committee