

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT – AUGUST 10, 2020

Members: Richard, Chairperson, Weiler, Martin, Reinhold (Alternate)

Attendees: Richard, Weiler, Martin, Reinhold, Rowe, Thompson, Burkholder, 1 Visitor

The Highway Committee met on July 27, 2020 and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the results of Bid #20-4 Spruce Alley Improvements and will recommend that Borough Council award the bid to apparent low bidder: H&K Group, Inc. from Skippack, PA in the total bid amount of \$100,092.44 as part of the Consent Agenda at their August 10, 2020 meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed a disposition of asset request for disposal of a 2005 Bobcat ML 5600 Toolcat via auction on MuniBid or PennBid. The estimated value of the equipment is \$7,000. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve this disposition of asset at their August 10, 2020 meeting.
3. The Committee reviewed Municipal Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3900038016-A by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and the Borough. This supplemental agreement amends Agreement No. 3900038016 by adding snow lane miles along SR 0322 between Market Street and Bethany Road as calculated by PennDOT and compensates the Borough at a rate of \$1,183.73 per snow lane mile for snow and ice removal during the 2020/2021 winter season. The total anticipated reimbursement to the Borough in 2021 is \$14,323.13 plus any applicable adjustment to offset severe winters. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve Municipal Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3900038016-A at their August 10, 2020 meeting.
4. The Committee reviewed a Resolution authorizing the President of Borough Council and the Borough Secretary to execute the Municipal Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3900038016-A with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council adopt this Resolution at their August 10, 2020 meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee discussed a citizen request for a multiway stop sign installation at the Church Avenue and West Chestnut Street intersection. The Committee reviewed information regarding multiway stop warrants in the MUTCD, LTAP Technical Bulletin, and PennDOT Publication 212 along with 10-year crash data and vehicle volume/speed reports for this intersection. The Committee also discussed clear-sight distance and vehicle parking at a fire hydrant at this intersection. Staff will respond to complainant and re-visit this issue at a future Highway Committee meeting at the end of 2020 to further discuss and determine if any warrants for a multiway stop have been met at that time.

2. The Committee discussed a citizen request to add no parking signage along the north side of SR 0322 (East Main Street) between Akron Road and a common use private alley where no parking between signs signage currently exists. Staff determined that only a portion of that no parking area is ordained from the west curb line of Akron Road extended 75 feet east by Ordinance No. 1318. Staff will discuss this issue further with the concerned citizen and report back to Committee at their next meeting.
3. The Committee discussed a permit parking program suggested by a citizen living along the south side of the 100 block of East Main Street. The citizen advised the Committee that he typically parks at a metered space in front of his residence but when those spaces are unavailable it is difficult to find other parking spaces nearby. Off-street parking spaces were not provided as part of his lease. Committee discussed alternative parking in the area and offered to look into possible parking available for lease at a nearby property on Lake Street. Staff provided the citizen with contact information for future communication regarding alternative parking in the area.
4. The Committee discussed the South Oak Street bridge pedestrian railing/vehicle barrier. Staff will contact the Borough's liability insurer to talk over the issue and report back to Committee at their next meeting.
5. The Committee discussed weed growth in streets throughout the Borough and was advised by Borough Manager Thompson that recently retired Paul Swangren held the only herbicide application license for the Borough and that the Borough has recently contracted with Land Studies from Lititz, PA to oversee the application of herbicides in the Borough. Herbicide applications have recently begun in the Borough.