

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 12, 2020

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

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

The Highway Committee met on September 28, 2020 and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed a Resolution providing for price adjustment of bituminous materials in small quantities. Potential price adjustments are associated with Bid #20-4 Spruce Alley Improvements. This Resolution is a requirement when using liquid fuels tax dollars to pay for certain street and alley improvements. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-19 at their October 12, 2020 meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed a disposition of assets request regarding disposal of a vehicle. The specified vehicle is a 2005 Ford F-250 Super Duty, Regular Cab Pickup Truck, 4X4, VIN #1FTNF21595EA53221, approximately 78,183 miles with an estimated value of \$3,700. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve this disposition of assets at their October 12, 2020 meeting and authorize Staff to transfer title to the 2005 Ford F-250 Super Duty, Regular Cab Pickup Truck, 4X4, VIN #1FTNF21595EA53221 to the Ephrata Borough Authority.
3. The Committee reviewed Comcast's plans to install 723 linear feet of underground cable in conduit along Lincoln Heights Avenue from Buch Alley east to the Cul-De-Sac. Staff has reviewed and approved the plans as submitted. The Agreement is in a form previously acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve Comcast's plans known as Drawing No. 093192019A-4 dated July 7, 2020 subject to a fully executed Street Opening and Cable System Construction Agreement and Borough receipt of a satisfactory Performance Bond and certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured at their October 12, 2020 meeting.
4. The Committee reviewed Windstream's plans to install 60 linear feet of underground cable in conduit along North State Street adjacent to Poplar Alley requiring a road closure for approximately 1-2 days during work hours. The work will be completed by Triple D Communications, LLC. Staff has reviewed and approved the plans as submitted. The Agreement is in a form previously acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve Windstream's plans known as Project No. 702192008 dated August 20, 2020 subject to a fully executed Street Opening and Cable System Construction Agreement and Borough receipt of a satisfactory Performance Bond and certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured at their October 12, 2020 meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Mainspring of Ephrata discussed with Committee plans for a virtual Christmas event.
2. Councilperson Weiler discussed with Committee a Veteran's Day event placing luminaries along the Winters Memorial Trail and the need to close Railroad Avenue to accommodate activities planned for this event. Staff could not immediately locate previous requests for this event so further discussion will occur at the October 5, 2020 Council Work Session.

3. South Oak Street pedestrian bridge railing/vehicle barrier discussion will continue at a future Committee meeting after Staff discusses their issue with Lancaster County PennDOT maintenance staff regarding a similar barrier they have on a local bridge in the Borough and what plans they may have to replace that railing.