

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 12, 2021

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**Members:** Richard, Chairman; Weiler, Vice Chairman; Martin, Member; Reinhold, Alternate; Burkholder, Staff

**Attendees:** Richard, Chairman; Weiler, Vice Chairman; Martin, Member (via Zoom); Reinhold, Alternate; Rowe, Council President; Barr, Council Member; Ressler, Council Member; Thompson, Burkholder, Staff; 4 Guests (2 via Zoom)

The Highway Committee met on March 22, 2021 and discussed the following:

### Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed a March 2, 2021 letter request from Michael Lillis and Kim Swinko representing the Ephrata War Memorial Association as Co-Directors of the Firecracker Run asking to use the streets of the Borough on Saturday, July 3, 2021 beginning at 8:00 AM for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Firecracker Run event. Alternate Committee Member Reinhold advised the Committee that on numerous occasions this event has previously occurred on a Saturday. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the request subject to EMC review and approval, Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured, and compliance with current PA Department of Health and CDC guidelines associated with COVID-19 at the time of the event at their April 12, 2021 meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed House Bill No. 765 – Session of 2021 amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. The Bill would prohibit PennDOT from requiring municipalities to indemnify PennDOT as a condition for approving special event permits involving state highways for third party sponsored events when the third party has already satisfied all other legal requirements, including providing an indemnification statement to PennDOT. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to provide a letter in support of this Bill at their April 12, 2021 meeting.
3. The Committee reviewed Comcast's plans to install approximately 4,699 linear feet of underground cable in conduit within the Heatherwood Heights development. Staff has reviewed and approved the latest revised plans. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve Comcast's plans known as Drawing No. 093192019-B1 last revised March 5, 2021 subject to a fully executed Street Opening and Cable System Construction Agreement being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, Borough receipt of a satisfactory performance guarantee in the amount of \$106,040.00, and provision of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough of Ephrata as additional insured at their April 12, 2021 meeting.
4. The Committee reviewed Comcast's plans to install approximately 15,176 linear feet of underground cable in conduit within the Brickyard and Pioneer View developments. Staff has reviewed and approved the latest revised plans. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve Comcast's plans known as Drawing No. 093192019-C last revised March 5, 2021 subject to a fully executed Street Opening and Cable System Construction Agreement being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, Borough receipt of a satisfactory performance guarantee in the amount of \$338,070.00, and provision of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough of Ephrata as additional insured at their April 12, 2021 meeting.

5. The Committee reviewed Comcast's plans to install approximately 1,193 linear feet of underground cable in conduit within the Brickyard development. Staff has reviewed and approved the plans. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve Comcast's plans known as Drawing No. 093192019-C2 dated January 8, 2021 subject to a fully executed Street Opening and Cable System Construction Agreement being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, Borough receipt of a satisfactory performance guarantee in the amount of \$26,844.00, and provision of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough of Ephrata as additional insured at their April 12, 2021 meeting.

**Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee heard from Lakresha Zimmerman, a Borough citizen residing at 122 West Franklin Street, regarding her recent experiences with parking tickets received while parked in the West Franklin Street parking lot. The Committee asked that Lt. McKim with the Ephrata Police and Ms. Zimmerman attend the April Highway Committee meeting to further discuss issuance of parking tickets at this location.
2. The Committee further discussed truck traffic on Apple Street, particularly trucks used to haul cars to and from the Garden Spot Auto Auction (GSAA). There are a wide variety of trucks hauling to and from the GSAA facility making it difficult to determine what to restrict to alleviate the safety concerns along Apple Street. The Committee asked that Lt. McKim with the Ephrata Police discuss the Apple Street truck concerns along with alternate routes for truck use with GSAA staff and report his findings to Committee at their April meeting.

**Old Business Items:**

1. Borough staff continues communications with PennDOT regarding the South Oak Street bridge pedestrian railing/vehicle barrier with regards to PennDOT's plans for replacing similar barrier on their West Main Street (SR 0322) over Cocalico Creek Bridge. Staff will also contact the consultant performing the bridge inspection in November to discuss concerns regarding the pedestrian railing/vehicle barrier.
2. Staff is collecting data regarding recent South State Street traffic concerns for reporting at a future Highway Committee meeting.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

1. Staff updated the Committee regarding the West Pine Street water main replacement project. A water service line installation to the raw water intake building and sewerage pump station needs replaced and then paving restoration work will begin.
2. Committee Chairman Richard inquired about paving project notifications and staff advised that all adjacent residents directly impacted by street improvement projects are notified by door hanger delivered by staff and/or the paving contractor when required.