

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Members: Richard, Chairman; Martin, Vice Chairman; Musser, Member; Buohl, Alternate; Burkholder, Staff

Attendees: Committee: Richard, Chairman; Martin, Vice Chairman; Musser, Member; Buohl, Alternate
Council: Barr, Reinhold, Ressler, Zimmerman
Staff: Burkholder; Harris
Guests: John Nolt, Lois Nolt, Rebekah Eshleman, Jonathan Pinkerton

The Highway Committee met on October 23, 2023, at 5:30 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Burkholder provided confirmation of the following:

1. The meeting agenda was posted on the Borough's website and at Borough Hall no later than 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda included a listing of each matter of Borough business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.
3. There were no changes made to the meeting agenda after it was posted.
4. The meeting agenda was made available to individuals in attendance at the meeting.

Committee Chair Richard asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Mr. Richard asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda as posted. Ms. Martin moved and Mr. Musser seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed a resolution authorizing 90-day experimental parking regulations establishing special purpose parking for a loading zone along a designated portion of Terrace Avenue. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-25.
2. The Committee reviewed a resolution authorizing a price adjustment of bituminous materials in small quantities associated with street projects completed in 2023 that were partially funded with liquid fuels tax funds. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-26.
3. The Committee was advised that Hammon Avenue is scheduled for improvements in 2024 and that no sidewalk currently exists along Hammon Avenue between South Academy Drive and the turf field. Following discussion and hearing from several Hammon Avenue property owners the Committee will recommend that Borough Council defer sidewalk construction on both sides of Hammon Avenue to a later date determined by Borough Council and authorize the President of Borough Council and the Borough Secretary to execute separate deferral agreements for each affected property owner.

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee discussed a recent motorist concern regarding the Lake Street and East Fulton Street intersection. Motor vehicle accident data revealed 22 crashes in a 10-year period from October 2013 to October 2023. Intersection currently does not meet warrants for a 4-way stop. The steep grade for

the northbound Lake Street approach to East Fulton Street would sensibly prevent the use of a stop sign at this location. No further action required at this time.

2. The Committee reviewed the 3rd Quarter 2023 Budget Report for those activities under their purview and had no concerns. Burkholder updated the Committee on capital projects.

Old Business Items:

1. The Committee was updated on a recent ADA accessibility concern along West King Street. The Borough solicitor is currently reviewing the issue. This item will be discussed by the Committee at a future meeting.

Miscellaneous Items:

1. Committee Alternate Buohl inquired about grade adjustment methods for manholes and water valve boxes. This item will be discussed at next month's meeting.
2. Committee Vice Chair Martin asked that an overview of the proposed parking kiosks planned for 2024 be included for discussion at next month's meeting.