

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
VILLAGE OF LINGLESTOWN COMMITTEE**

A regular meeting of the Village of Linglestown Committee was held on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at the Linglestown Fire House Building, 5901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Members In Attendance

Eric Kessler
Barry Stahl
Bill Twilley
Paul Rowe
John Kepler

Also in Attendance

Jeff Case, Arora and Associates
Greg Youtz, PENNDOT
Sharen Brown, Leon Wintermyer
William C. Seeds, Sr.

Call to Order

Mr. Kessler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kessler led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kessler questioned if anyone has corrections or comments regarding the January 21, 2010 Committee meeting minute. Mr. Stahl made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rowe seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was presented.

Committee Member Comments

Mr. Rowe noted that he was hoping that Mr. Saunders from United Water Company would have been in attendance as he was told that he would hook up his meter pit since he has a bad well. He noted that he was told that the lateral would be installed a couple of weeks ago. Ms. Brown agreed with Mr. Rowe. Mr. Kessler questioned if United Water PA attended the job meeting in the trailer. Ms. Brown answered that someone from United Water PA was in attendance, and they noted that they were going to attempt to install a service for someone who needed it. Mr. Rowe suggested that it was for his property as he has a bad well. He noted that he was told that once they reached the Square area, they would be able to hook up his meter pit. Mr. Rowe noted that he wished they would get this done.

OLD BUSINESS

United Water Company Project

Mr. Greg Youtz explained that he was the project manager from PENNDOT for the construction inspection for the project. Mr. Kessler suggested that it would be good for Mr. Youtz to attend future meetings.

Mr. Seeds noted that the contractor has been very good to work with. Mr. Kessler questioned if he had any water connections yet. Mr. Seeds answered no. Mr. Case noted that representatives from United Water PA attended the last job site meeting, and they stated that they had to get the run in from Mountain Road to tie in Pennsylvania Avenue and then they must pressure test the new line. He noted that they must do this before they can do anything else, and this is the last he has heard since the meeting that was held three weeks ago. Mr. Youtz suggested that they may have to wait until the entire force main is installed before they could start to make lateral connections. Mr. Rowe stated that he wished Mr. Saunders would state that instead of what he told him.

Mr. Kessler questioned if the water connections would be made within the next 30 days. Mr. Youtz answered that he certainly hoped so. He noted that they would start to impact the overall construction project if they do not complete their work very soon.

Update on Construction Project

Mr. Kessler noted that he was very impressed with all the flagging during the project. He noted that they are doing a great job coordinating the traffic flows. Mr. Rowe suggested that they are doing “a hell of a job”. Ms. Brown noted that the thanks go to Mr. Youtz for his work with the project. Mr. Kessler noted that during a recent meeting, Mr. Youtz stated that he would add more flag people to cover the numerous side alleys. Mr. Youtz explained that he did.

Mr. Twilley noted that he visited Ms. Brown to notify her that a sign was not placed in the proper place, and before he left the trailer and got back to the fire company, the sign was moved. Mr. Kessler suggested that the businesses have not been heavily impacted thus far into the road construction.

Mr. Seeds noted that he lost his parking for over a week when Mountain Road was shut down for the waterline installation. He explained if his tenant doesn't make money, then the landlord does not get money.

Mr. Case noted that the work that United Water PA and the gas company are doing are not part of the project and not part of Wintermyer's contract.

Mr. Seeds noted that the tree contractor did a good job and cleaned up after they were done. He noted that people came and fought over the wood, and they drove over the lawns. He noted that they left a mess with all the saw dust they left behind. He noted that some of the sawdust piles have taken up parking spaces.

Mr. Kepler questioned why the silver maple was removed from in front of the funeral home. He noted that there is a stone pier in front of where the tree stood. Mr. Kessler suggested that it was part of the plan to remove that tree. He noted that there are some giant pine trees that are still standing in the area near Bill Minsker's place. Mr. Seeds noted that they were not planning on removing the trees that run along Mountain Road. He noted that he explained to the contractors that the location was to be widened, and additional parking spaces are planned for that location. He noted that they took down the trees eventually. He noted that they were going to tear down the trees in front of the Frysinger's and then decided not to do it. He noted that they took trees from Bill Minsker's home that set back from the sidewalk further than the trees in front of the Frysinger's. He noted that the old trees would ruin the new sidewalk, and he questioned Mr. Frysinger if he wanted the trees and he said that he did not want

them. He noted that common sense should be used for what is cut down and what wasn't. Ms. Brown noted that she would get the sawdust cleaned up for Mr. Seeds. Ms. Brown noted that she is surprised that the sawdust has not been taken, and she noted that she usually uses the sawdust for E&S controls.

Ms. Sharen Brown, Leon Wintermyer, noted that the project is still in phase one and she is trying to wrap up those construction concerns to get the detour in place. She noted that they are working diligently to get Blue Mountain Parkway graded, curbed, stone-base and the same for the church driveway. She noted that she has paving tentatively scheduled for the church driveway and Blue Mountain Parkway for the last week of March. She noted that it may go into the first week of April.

Mr. Twilley noted that the silt fence on the Fire Company property is 10 feet further off the road than it is supposed to be. He noted that the drawings show that it should be in front of the sign and not behind it. He noted that the piles of dirt are so high that they hid the sign. Mr. Case noted that he drew on the plan where he thought the silt fence would be placed; however, the contractor can move the silt fence as long as they are within the temporary construction easement. He noted that it may not be exactly as it is shown on the plan. He noted that people from the Fire House asked him to look into this. Ms. Brown stated that she would check on this. Mr. Twilley noted that he would like Wintermyer to keep all the construction equipment of the one side of the road. He noted that the gas line trailer and portable toilet are in the way. He noted that his roadway is getting beat up and it will have to be fixed at the end of the construction project to bring it back to the same condition that it was prior to the start of construction. Mr. Kessler noted that this would be handled as part of the final punch list at the end of construction.

Mr. Twilley explained when they were installing the silt fence; members from the Fire Company warned them that they were installing the silt fence in an area where the electricity feeds the sign. He noted that they moved their pipe six to seven inches so they would not hit the electric lines. Ms. Brown noted that it didn't seem right that they did not do a PA One Call. She noted that it would only cover the right-of-way and not private property.

Mr. Case questioned Ms. Brown as to when they expect to start the detour. Ms. Brown answered that it would occur in the second or third week of April. She noted that it would be dependant on the amount of rain that occurs between now and then. Mr. Kessler noted that the north side of the roadway would be completely closed and that traffic would be detoured. Pastor Stahl noted that only one lane would be opened for one direction of traffic, and all other traffic would be detoured. Mr. Kessler questioned if it saves money by decreasing the amount of flaggers. Ms. Brown noted that it saves on time for completing the project. She noted that the design of the project allows the contractor to build one full lane of infrastructure, complete the reconstruction work and widening, providing a savings on the overall time factor. Mr. Kessler noted that he never anticipated how well the flaggers would work up to this point. Mr. Youtz noted that the project can start at 6 a.m. and work until dark, noting that it would increase production and help the project to move much faster. Ms. Brown noted that she plans on putting on two shifts to work the project.

Mr. Case noted that the first closure would be for the northern side of Linglestown Road, permitting traffic eastbound only. Mr. Seeds questioned where that traffic would go for the detour. Mr. Case noted that they will detour traffic from Progress Avenue to I-81 to the Manada Hill Exit. He noted that the local traffic would find its own way to get around the Village. Mr. Kessler questioned if the State would have some enforcement for the trucks at first. Mr. Youtz explained if someone tries to

violate the detour, they can be halted. He noted that his people are very aggressive on this matter. He explained that he is also working the stimulus job that is occurring at the Manada Hill exit off I-81. He noted that he has had State Police enforce the detours in this area. Mr. Kessler questioned what happens if a truck tries to use the eastbound lane. It was suggested that they could be detoured to Wenrich Street to Blue Ridge Avenue. Ms. Brown noted that she has detour maps that she would bring to the next meeting. Mr. Case noted that the detour maps should also be on the Township's website.

Ms. Brown noted that the entire project would be completed for one side at a time to include sidewalks etc, before switching to the other lane. Mr. Case noted that the westbound traffic would be detoured and the only traffic moving would be eastbound traffic. Mr. Kessler questioned if a message board would be installed on Linglestown Road in the area of the truck stop, warning of the road closure ahead. Mr. Youtz noting that putting it at that location may present a bit of a difficulty since there is a second construction project occurring in that location. He noted that he does not want to make a confusing issue more confusing. Mr. Seeds suggested that a sign could be located at Piketown Road. Mr. Youtz noted that he would have message board to announce the detour. He explained, a few weeks prior to setting the detour he would strategically place the message board informing the motoring public of the upcoming detour that would be coming into effect, noting that the detour would start on or about a specific date.

Mr. Seeds questioned what the schools would do about the detour. Mr. Youtz answered that the schools have been notified of the upcoming detour and construction project. He noted that there is an extensive list of whom the contractor must notify. Mr. Case explained that he was in contact with the Central Dauphin School District during the entire design stage and they have already come up with an alternate route for the bus drivers. He noted that he told the School District last year that it would occur this year, and that the contractor would contact the School District two weeks prior to the start of the detour. Mr. Seeds suggested that a couple hundred buses come into the Square daily. Mr. Kessler noted that the buses will be able to use alternate routes for their travel.

Ms. Brown explained that she is having a difficult time making the well testing notifications to the property owners. She noted that as part of the contract, the contractor is to offer pre and post construction well testing for the property owners. She noted that the property owner can waive their rights to the testing if they so chose, but they must sign off on it. Mr. Kessler questioned if the contractor must test every well. Ms. Brown noted that it is property owner's option, but she must make the offer. She noted that the people are not signing up for this service, and she is confused as to why this is not occurring. Mr. Kessler questioned if Wintermyer mailed notifications to the property owners as he owns several properties but has not been contacted. Ms. Brown explained that her people are going door-to-door. Mr. Twilley questioned if the people who are moving to United Water PA need to have their wells tested. Mr. Kessler noted that Ms. Brown is stating that the property owner has the option to have their wells tested. He suggested that the option for anyone moving to public water would be no. He noted that the testing is being done to protect the property owners' wells. Mr. Case noted that it was a stipulation of the contract. Mr. Kessler noted that it would protect the home owner in the event their well was contaminated as a result of the construction project.

Mr. Kessler explained that the notification needs to be made to the property owner. Ms. Brown noted that her company is going door-to-door to get responses. It was noted by going door-to-door, they may be contacting a tenant or business operator and not the actual property owner. Ms. Brown noted that the names that she has may not be the property owners, but the tenants. It was explained that even if Ms. Brown has the property owner's names, in most circumstances, they do not reside at that

address. Mr. Kessler suggested that the Township could provide the property owners' names and addresses for Ms. Brown. Ms. Heberle requested Ms. Brown to provide her with the addresses. Mr. Case noted that the owners may not be the people answering the door. Mr. Kessler noted that some of the buildings have been sold since the easements were secured a year or so ago.

Mr. Case questioned if the people are not signing the documents. Ms. Brown answered that the people do not want the testing and they will not sign off on the document. Mr. Seeds noted that no one has come to his house yet. Ms. Brown noted that her workers are starting from their staging area and working their way east on both sides of the road. Mr. Kessler suggested that Ms. Brown should send out letters to the owner of record. Ms. Heberle offered to assist Ms. Brown in determining who the property owners are and what their addresses are. Mr. Case questioned if the person going door-to-door could note who they talked to, and who refused to sign the document. Mr. Kessler noted that the tenant would have no authority to sign a document. Ms. Brown noted that if it is the homeowner, she has told her personnel to document that they refused to sign the document. Mr. Kessler suggested that sending a certified letter may provide for a much better response.

Mr. Seeds noted that he heard that the Eagle Hotel's water is no good, and this has been since United Water PA installed the waterline in front of their business. He noted that he was told that they are buying bottle water. He noted that they have bought the Framing business, and are using the building for storage. He noted that he was told that Otto offered to run a garden hose from the Antique Shop to the Eagle Hotel restaurant. Mr. Kessler noted if this is true, then they need to contact someone at United Water PA.

Mr. Seeds questioned when the curb boxes would be installed. Mr. Kessler noted that he did not know. He noted that it would be nice if someone from United Water PA was contacted, possibly by Mr. Case to find out their timeline for finishing the project and installing the lateral connections. Mr. Case stated that he could do that. Mr. Seeds noted that he replaced a well pump three weeks ago, and it would be nice to know when the water project would be finished. He noted that he could hire a plumber to make the connection to his properties. Mr. Kessler requested that Mr. Case relay the information to Ms. Heberle to email to the Committee members.

Mr. Seeds questioned when the sidewalk would be torn out since he would like to reuse the bricks from the front of the restaurant. Ms. Brown noted that she heard about this request and she would work with Mr. Seeds on this matter. Mr. Seeds noted that he needs to install a walkway from the back parking lot since he is losing parking in the front. He noted that he would like to reuse the bricks for the walkway.

Mr. Kessler questioned if Ms. Brown could provide the Committee members with a rough schedule of work. Mr. Case suggested that the projection of work that Ms. Brown sent to him was quite extensive and he would forward it to Ms. Heberle to be put on the Township's website. Mr. Seeds agreed that it would be good to have this information available.

Mr. Kessler questioned if anyone from the Merchant's Association was at the meeting. There was no one in attendance.

Raspberry Alley Update

Mr. Kessler noted that Raspberry Alley is the alley located on the south side of Linglestown Road.

Mr. Case explained to Ms. Brown and Mr. Youtz that the Village of Linglestown Committee was formed for three purposes, one of which was the Route 39 road construction project to be completed by Leon Wintermyer, Inc. He noted that the Committee is also looking into the use of alleys and the improvements to be made to those alleys, as well as satellite parking areas. He noted that these last two projects do not involve the Wintermyer project or the design work conducted by Arora and Associates. He suggested that Mr. Youtz, Ms. Brown, and he could be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Seeds suggested that whatever occurs with the alley improvements will impact the construction and it is needed to be done as soon as possible. He noted that the Township received \$250,000 in grant funds from the Local Share Gaming Grant to fund the work. He noted that the Board met with members of the Merchants Association as well as citizens of Linglestown during its March 9th workshop meeting. He explained that the Township received a petition from the Merchants Association to accept Raspberry Alley for public use. He noted that the merchants are concerned about the viability of their businesses. He noted that many people showed up and some were in favor of opening the alley while others were not. He noted that the Board requested to know what the merchants were asking for in the petition that they presented to the Board members. He explained that one resident was very upset about the Township taking over Raspberry Alley as she was concerned about the welfare of her teenage children who play in the alley. He noted that part of Raspberry Alley is blocked by one landowner and the farmer is also concerned about extra traffic in the area where he farms.

Mr. Seeds explained that the Board members asked two parties to get together to discuss what they are requesting the Board to do in relation to alley improvements. He stated that it was agreed that part of the alley from Mountain Road west to the First Impressions Boutique rear parking area would be paved and upgraded. He noted that the merchants are asking that traffic be westbound from Mountain Road to the First Impressions Boutique, paving only one lane. Mr. Seeds noted that the traffic direction for Blackberry Alley is also to be westbound. Mr. Kessler suggested that the alleys should be moving in opposite directions. Mr. Seeds agreed, but the merchants in attendance requested that both alleys, at this time, be westbound. He noted that no decision has been made at this time.

Mr. Case noted that there was no mention in the contract that Wintermyer would have to coordinate other work for the project. He noted that whatever the Township does, it must stay clear of the Wintermyer work. He noted that Wintermyer is the first one in the project, and has clear access to get its work done. He explained that the Township must stay clear of Wintermyer's project when it does its work on the alleys. Mr. Seeds noted that the alleys would probably be paved by Township employees using the Township paver. Mr. Kessler noted that the alley work would make some people happy and others may not be happy with the end result.

Mr. Seeds mentioned that one person in attendance during the Board's workshop meeting was very upset about any changes to the alley.

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Adjournment

There being no other business, Mr. Kessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Twilley seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary