

June 8, 2011
Curtis Hall

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held tonight, Chairman Art Haywood, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Sharkey and Swavola. Staff members present were Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections Lynch, Public Works Superintendent McDonnell, Public Works Coordinator Kastenhuber and Township Manager Kraynik. An attendance sheet is attached.

Mr. Haywood announced that this would be an informal meeting of the Public Works Committee as a quorum was not present. Reports and minutes will be referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt at its meeting on June 15, 2011. Recommendations for contract awards will likewise be referred for approval at that meeting.

1. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Report of the Highway Department for the month of May 2011 was referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.
2. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Report of the Refuse Department for the month of April 2011 was referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.
3. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Report of the Parks Maintenance Department for the month of May 2011 was referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.
4. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Report of the Sewer Department for the month of May 2011 was referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.
5. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Report of the Code Administrator for the month of May 2011 was referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.
6. The Committee then considered a consortium contract award awarded by Lower Merion Township's Board of Commissioners for fuel oil. Mr. Kraynik said this is a standard consortium fuel oil contract. Mr. Kastenhuber reported that this contract is 9 ½ cents less per gallon to deliver fuel but \$0.93 higher per gallon to purchase it.

Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, it was referred to the Board of Commissioners the concurrence of a consortium contract awarded by the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners for Fuel Oil #2 to Superior Plus Energy Services LLC for the approximate price of \$3.3413 per gallon per fixed delivery. This contract is for a one year period from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012.

Mr. Swavola asked how this rise in fuel oil costs will affect the 2011 budget come August 1, 2011. Mr. Kastenhuber replied that the budgeted amount is lower than this new contract cost but fuel prices are trending lower and the Township will not know the effect on the budget until that time.

7. The Committee then reviewed the recommendation of a contract for the 2011 Road Milling and Resurfacing Project. Mr. Kastenhuber said Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc. submitted the lowest bid from five contractors. Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc. has done outstanding road work in the Township for the past few years.

Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, it was referred to the Board of Commissioners the awarding of a unit contract for the 2011 Road Milling and Resurfacing Project to Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc., Eddystone, PA 19022 in the amount of \$230,889.40 being the lowest responsible bidder meeting Township specifications per bids received June 2, 2011, as recommended by Staff.

8. Consideration of a Professional Services Contract for consultant services for the design, plans, specifications and bid documents for the Hilltop Lane Retaining Wall Project followed.

Mr. Kastenhuber said as noted in his memorandum attached to the agenda, this project became necessary after a section of the retaining wall collapsed over the winter and caused Hilltop Lane to be closed at its Glenside Avenue end. Even if the road was closed permanently,

the wall would still have to be replaced in that there are properties above it and if it were to collapse, the sanitary sewer under Hilltop Lane would be damaged. This unanticipated event is not in the Capital Budget. Two of six firms responded and Mainstay Engineering Group, Inc. is recommended. Discussion followed regarding the range of the two proposal fees.

Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, it was referred to the Board of Commissioners the awarding of a Professional Services Contract for consulting services for the design, plans, specifications and bid documents for the Hilltop Lane Retaining Wall to Mainstay Engineering Group, Inc., Ambler, PA 19002 in the amount of \$39,800 as recommended by Staff.

9. Review of state and township detours for the Greenwood Avenue Bridge Replacement Project followed. Mr. Kraynik asked Mr. Kastenhuber to cover the salient points of the proposed detour. Mr. Kastenhuber said PennDOT's official detour will take effect when the actual bridge is removed and will be:

From the Cheltenham Township side of the bridge at Glenside Avenue and Greenwood Avenue, proceed west on Greenwood Avenue to Church Road. Turn left on Church Road and take Church Road to Washington Lane. Turn left on Washington Lane to Township Line Road. Turn left on Township Line Road and proceed to Greenwood Avenue in Jenkintown.

From the Jenkintown side of the bridge at Township Line Road and Greenwood Avenue, proceed east on Township Line Road to Washington Lane. Turn right on Washington Lane to Church Road. Turn right on Church Road to Greenwood Avenue. Turn right on Greenwood Avenue to Glenside Avenue. End of detour.

The above detour is only for cars. Trucks have to go out to Cheltenham Avenue because they cannot make the turns on the smaller streets. Mr. Kraynik said this is a state project and official detours are always on state roads.

Mr. Kastenhuber said the neighbors raised questions and concerns about the detours. As promised, the Highway Safety Unit and himself reviewed the proposed routes drivers would take around the detour. It became obvious that Maple Avenue would be the first street available for drivers to cut through. It's a narrow street with a lot of bends. It was recommended that this road be one way from Heacock Lane up to Washington Lane. During this investigation, it was

deemed that making a left turn out of Maple Avenue onto Washington Lane was dangerous according to the Police Highway Safety Unit. As a result, it was recommended that Maple Avenue be posted with a No Left Turn sign at the intersection of Washington Lane because of the volume and speed of traffic on Washington Lane. This restriction was proposed to become effective now and be made permanent. Other streets were also investigated. Mr. Kastenhuber said it usually take drivers about two weeks after the start of a detour to find alternate routes. Discussion followed regarding traffic patterns on surrounding streets and the usual backed-up intersections during rush hours.

Mr. Haywood said he remembered that PennDOT was going to give the Township an update on the project and when it was anticipated to begin. Mr. Kastenhuber said the bids have gone out and have been submitted back to PennDOT. The contract has not been announced as yet and the Township should hear the results in July. There will be a pre-construction meeting where Mr. Kastenhuber said he will have a better idea of the construction schedule. As always in such a project as this, the utility companies have to come in and install their lines and pipes first. It will be early in 2012 before the bridge is closed. Mr. Haywood asked Mr. Kastenhuber if he recalled how long it will take to complete the bridge replacement and he was told at least two years. After the July meeting, Mr. Kastenhuber said he should know the intended completion date.

Mr. Haywood asked if Staff could enter into some discussions with Jenkintown Borough and perhaps some sort of compromise could be made to reduce traffic in these areas. Mr. Kraynik said that this may be possible since Jenkintown Borough also has to do some kind of detour plan itself. During that time, Mr. Kastenhuber said Staff and the Highway Safety Unit will be watching traffic and make recommendations. PennDOT will also monitor and investigate.

Mr. Haywood asked the audience if anyone wanted to make any comments.

Edith Cerebi, 300 Maple Avenue, Wyncote, addressed the Committee. She asked if it was worth her while to state her concerns tonight since this was an informal meeting. Mr. Haywood said yes the Committee was interested in her comments. She thanked Mr. Kastenhuber for taking time to listen to the concerns of residents on Maple Avenue. She wanted to comment on the duration of the detour regarding Maple Avenue and the proposed ban on the left hand turn onto Washington Lane from Maple Avenue.

Ms. Cerebi said making Maple Avenue one way was reasonable and perhaps the Township could entertain making the 300 block of Maple Avenue one way west. Conversely, she believed prohibiting a left hand turn onto Washington Lane is totally unnecessary. She said she has been making this same turn for the last twenty years. She asked if there were some statistical evidence showing this intersection as a problem. She believed banning left hand turns would create undue difficulties during the detour. She said she knew that during large construction activities, inconveniences are inevitable to the community but prohibiting left hand turns would cause residents to go north on Washington Lane during the detour and would cause drivers to take Greenwood Avenue to Church Road which is another contentious intersection. She said she has made this turn onto Washington Lane from Maple Avenue at least once a week for the past twenty years. She said she could possibly be convinced that a left hand turn could be restricted during certain times during the detour but nothing could ever convince her to prohibit it now let alone permanently.

Emily Stine, 101 Cliff Terrance, Wyncote, addressed the Committee. She asked if PennDOT's pre-construction meeting would be open to the public and if not would the meeting's minutes be made available. Mr. Kastenhuber answered no to both questions. Ms. Stine asked if the final plans could be obtained online and who could she contact at PennDOT to obtain them. Mr. Kastenhuber told her he would find out. Ms. Stein was interested if there were any modifications on the entrances and/or exits out of the SEPTA area. Mr. Kastenhuber said he

knew of no additional exits at this time. Ms. Stine said she wrote her email address on the attendance sheet and would appreciate if Mr. Kastenhuber would send her the information she requested.

Kurt Ahrens, 172 Fernbrook Avenue, Wyncote, addressed the Committee. He said he agreed with the proposal for Maple Avenue being made one way and he understands the difficulty in managing traffic during a detour. His concern is also with the proposed restriction of no left turn onto Washington Lane. He feels it will increase traffic flow on Washington Lane. Perhaps, establishing a certain time to allow left hand turns could be considered but Mr. Ahrens said he is totally opposed to the restriction of no left hand turns to become effective now and be made permanent. He said he sees no evidence of any study on this matter and if there is something available, he would like to see it.

Mr. Kastenhuber said one of the items brought up in having the 300 block of Maple Avenue be added as one way was both the Fire Department and the Police Department were against it. The "No Left Turn" restriction and Maple Avenue to be one way east bound from Heacock Lane to Washington Lane is presently being reviewed by PennDOT and its decision has not been received as yet. Mr. Kraynik said the Township still has to wait for PennDOT's response so a decision cannot be made tonight or even next week. This is just a process of listening to residents' concerns and recommendations from Staff. Future discussion will be scheduled and the public will be made aware of this item on either a future Public Safety Committee or Public Works Committee agenda which are posted on the Township's website on the Friday before each meeting. As soon as Staff hears back from PennDOT, the Greenwood Avenue Bridge Replacement Detour discussion will be placed on an agenda.

Mr. Ahrens said one way traffic to Washington Lane in no way reduces this street as a cutoff unless you limit the left hand turn and even so, he does not see the necessity of getting rid of the left hand turn option.

Dorothy Stone, 221 Maple Avenue, Wyncote, addressed the Committee. Ms. Stone thanked the Committee for this opportunity for public comment and opinion. She hoped the Committee would consider the residents' comments who drive these roads every day. Unless there are obvious background reports of traffic fatalities, accidents, etc., Ms. Stone said the people paying taxes to live on these streets should be able to continue to do so every day. Why should this restriction on left hand turns be permanent? This would be an egregious difficulty and she asked the Committee to reconsider this decision.

Melanie Vallerio, 173 Fernbrook Avenue, Wyncote, addressed the Committee. She said at the moment, Maple Avenue has a Stop sign at Fernbrook Avenue and Fernbrook Avenue does not at Maple Avenue. She asked if perhaps that intersection could become a four way Stop street during the detour. Also, would Staff consider making Fernbrook Avenue from Maple to Greenwood Avenue one way. Fernbrook Avenue has sharp turns and the people who live there are aware of them and slow down but drivers unfamiliar with this street could cause accidents. There are probably about 40 children who live around this area. She would like to see Fernbrook Avenue made one way from Maple Avenue to Greenwood Avenue and a 4 way Stop street at Fernbrook and Maples Avenues.

Ms. Cerebi asked if there was any way neighbors could be informed when this discussion would be continued at another meeting. Mr. Kraynik said if the attendees signed the attendance sheet in the hallway, Staff would notify everybody here tonight and they in turn could notify other neighbors.

10 It was noted that there were no minutes of the Shade Tree Advisory Commission Meeting scheduled for May 26, 2011, as it was canceled.

11. Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, the La Mott Board of Historical and Architectural Review Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2011, were referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.

12. Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, a Certificate of Appropriateness was referred to the Board of Commissioners for Application No. W902 to Carol Hresko-Altadonna, owner of premises known as 161 Greenwood Avenue, Wyncote, relating to the replacement of the roof and downspouts as recommended by the Wyncote Board of Historical and Architectural Review.

13. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Wyncote Board of Historical and Architectural Review Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2011, were referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.

14. Consideration of a request by Harold Lichtman, architect for Arcadia University, for a waiver from the requirements that a Land Development Plan be required for the construction of a hard surface trail system that will connect to the new pedestrian bridge over the unnamed creek crossing Church Road and then extending to the intersection of Waverly and Church Roads followed. Mr. Lynch addressed the Committee.

Mr. Lynch said Arcadia University has already received land development approval for a pedestrian bridge on the Waverly Road side of its property. Now Arcadia University wants to have an all weather ADA accessible pedestrian bridge up to Waverly Road. He said when he met Mr. Lichtman at the site, he suggested that a seepage bed designed for the 100 Year Storm and Mr. Lichtman said yes. The Planning Commission recommended a waiver with a Condition that Arcadia University fund a sufficient Escrow account (\$5000) for the trail and seepage bed inspections. Mr. Lichtman agreed to this Condition.

Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, it was referred to the Board of Commissioners that a request by Arcadia University for a waiver of land development requirements to construct a hard surface trail system that will connect the new pedestrian bridge over the unnamed creek crossing Church Road and then extending to the intersection of Waverly and Church Roads be approved.

15. Consideration of a request by Harshad Patel, Asha Corporation, for a waiver from the requirements that a Land Development Plan be required for improvements to a Dunkin' Donuts for the installation of a new 98 +/- SF increase to a walk-in freezer. Mr. Lynch addressed the Committee.

Mr. Lynch told the Committee that this Dunkin' Donuts at 8250 Ogontz Avenue, Wyncote, has been there for over 20 years. Accordingly to the requirements by its Franchise, Dunkin' Donut has to remodel and upgrade the restaurant every ten years. Mr. Lynch stated that Dunkin' Donuts would like to make both interior and exterior improvements. The exterior improvements involve a new 98 +/- SF increase to the walk-in freezer. This freezer will be on the side of the building away from Ogontz Avenue and on an existing paved area.

Mr. Lynch said that next to Dunkin' Donuts is a property owned by Keystone Billboard and this property is being accessed by tractor trailers to park on the Ogontz Shopping Center parking field. Keystone is agreeable to erecting 90' of four foot high, black vinyl, chain link fencing in an "L" shaped configuration along Ogontz Avenue which should stop tractor-trailers from accessing the shopping center. This has not happened as yet. Mr. Lynch said Mr. Reitano approached Dunkin' Donuts to see if it would consider placing approximately 15 6' o.c. bollards along the common line with Keystone. At that time, Dunkin' Donuts appeared to be agreeable but at the recent Planning Commission meeting, they declined. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request for a waiver with no Conditions.

A Notice of Violation has been sent to the shopping center for parking by tractor-trailers. Mr. Lynch said the property owners have not responded. If more tractor-trailers are observed parking there, citations will be issued.

Upon motion of Mr. Haywood, it was referred to the Board of Commissioners that a request for a waiver of land development requirements to increase the size of a walk-in freezer by 98 +/- SF at the Dunkin' Donuts, 8250 Ogontz Avenue, Wyncote, be approved.

16. Consideration of recommending to the Board the awarding of a contract for the Willow Avenue Road Reconstruction Project followed. Mr. Kraynik said it is recommended that all six bids be rejected and that the project be rebid. Staff discussed this matter with Township Solicitor Bagley. The apparent low bidder did not submit all of the information required. The second low bidder challenged the validity of the low bid because it was incomplete. Mr. Bagley stated that if the Township rejected the low bidder's proposal and awarded the bid to the second lowest bidder, it would be open to litigation and vice versa. Pricing was favorable and Mr. Kraynik said he believed that will hold true the second time around. He did say there was a "silver lining." Just in the last day or two, Staff learned that the County is looking favorably upon giving the Township additional monies to do the last stretch of Willow Avenue down to Penrose. If this is so, now the last leg of reconstruction can be included in the full contract when it goes out for rebidding.

Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, it was referred to the Board of Commissioners the rejection of all six bid proposals received for the Willow Avenue Road Reconstruction Project on May 25, 2011, as per the recommendation of the Township's Solicitor's office.

17. Consider recommending to the Board the awarding of a contract for Janitorial Services for Township buildings was discussed. Mr. Kraynik said the bid proposals were very favorable, in particular from a new company, Emerga Support Services, LLC.

There are two options to the contract weekly schedule - five days or three days a week. Mr. Kraynik reminded the Committee that recently, Staff reduced its janitorial services from five days to three. Emerga Support Services is available for five days a week at a very good rate. Their references are excellent. If the Board were to choose to keep the contract at three days a week using this low bidder, the Township will be able to save an additional \$9700 for a twelve month contract. Mr. Kraynik's recommendation is to stay with three days and take the savings.

Discussion followed regarding Emerga Support Services prices concerning the alternates offered, such as window cleaning, special flood cleaning, carpet cleaning, additional cleaning in Police building and some cleaning at Wall House.

Mr. Haywood thought Mr. Kraynik's recommendation was prudent.

Upon motion of Mr. Swavola, it was referred to the Board of Commissioners that a contract for Janitorial Services be awarded to Emerga Support Services, LLC., Sewell, NJ., for the following:

Base Bid: One-Year Contract, 7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012 (M,W,F,)	\$14,495.00
Alternate #2: Window Cleaning (Spring and Fall) TAB, PAB, EMS	2,500.00
Alternate #3: Special Floor Cleaning TAB, PSF, PAB	1,804.00
Alternate #5: Carpet Cleaning at TAB	1,506.00
Alternate #6: Floor and Carpet Cleaning (DJC & EOC)	941.00
Alternate #7: Cleaning Richard Wall House Museum & Carriage House	1,879.00
Alternate #8: PAB Additional Cleaning (M,W,F) 3-4 P.M.	<u>1,629.00</u>
TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE	\$24,754.00

being the lowest responsible bidder meeting Township specifications per bids received May 25, 2011, as recommended by Staff.

18. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2011, were referred to the Board of Commissioners for receipt.

OLD BUSINESS

19. Regarding the traffic restrictions the Township has planned for the bridge replacement project detour, Mr. Swavola asked if PennDOT concurred, did that mean the Township could withdraw its recommendation to ban the left hand turn from Maple Avenue on to Washington Lane. Mr. Kasthuber said PennDOT has to look at the whole picture and the Township has to live with that investigation.

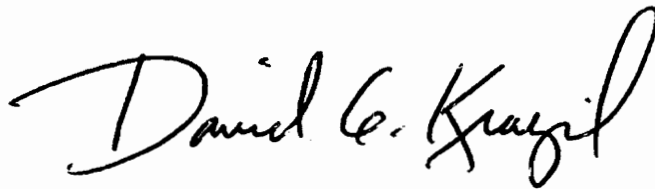
Mr. Haywood requested that PennDOT be contacted to perform an investigation and report back its findings. Mr. Haywood asked if PennDOT's decision would be in writing and Mr.

Kastenhuber told him that PennDOT would respond either by letter or email. Mr. Kraynik asked if they would do a field study and Mr. Kastenhuber said they may.

Mr. Haywood said he missed the last Public Safety Committee meeting and asked what decision was made regarding the proposed STOP signs at Glenside Avenue. Mr. Kraynik said the Committee recommended that the STOP sign currently on Glenside Avenue at Waverly Road be removed and the STOP SIGN that was proposed to be added on Glenside Avenue at South Avenue was deleted from the Ordinance for the time being. The STOP sign on Glenside Avenue at North Avenue was recommended.

20. Mr. Swavola said he was concerned about the various intersections and the presence of crossing guards for children during the detour period. He suggested that the Greenwood Avenue Bridge Replacement Project and resulting detour plan be added to a future School Board meeting agenda for discussion. Mr. Kastenhuber told Mr. Swavola that it is standard procedure when a detour goes into effect that a blanket bulletin goes out to all emergency services and the school district for monitoring of new traffic conditions.

21. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Kraynik". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

per Mary Raab

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST

Parks and Recreation Committee @ 7:30 PM

Public Works Committee @ 7:45 PM

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

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