

The regular meeting of the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** for January 2022 was held this evening via web-conference, Chairman Mitchell Zygmund-Felt presiding. Members present were Commissioners Areman, Brockington, Holland, and Rappoport. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Norris.

Staff present via web-conference were Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning and Zoning; Roger Phillips, Township Engineer;

Mr. Norris announced that the Board met in executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues and matters which if discussed in public would violate a lawful privilege.

Due to Mr. Zygmund-Felt experiencing technical difficulties, Mr. Areman called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES – None.

2. RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORTS AND CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- A. Upon motion of Mr. Areman, the Committee unanimously accepted the December 2021 Report of the Highway Department.
- B. Upon motion of Mr. Areman, the Committee unanimously accepted the November 2021 Report of the Refuse and Recycling Department.
- C. Upon motion of Mr. Areman, the Committee unanimously accepted the December 2021 Report of the Parks Maintenance Department.
- D. Upon motion of Mr. Areman, the Committee unanimously accepted the December 2021 Report of the Code Administrator.
Ms. Rappoport inquired about 405 Rices Mill Road and asked that this property is on the Code Administrator's radar.
- E. Upon motion of Mr. Areman, the Committee unanimously accepted the December 2021 Report of the Street & Traffic Light Superintendent.
- F. The Shade Tree Advisory Commission meeting was canceled.
- G. Upon motion of Mr. Areman, the Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes for the December 20, 2021 Environmental Advisory Council.
- H. The La Mott Board of Historical & Architectural Review meeting was canceled.
- I. The Wyncote Board of Historical & Architectural Review was canceled.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on the Wawa Development at the corner of East and West Waverly Road:
Mr. Roger Phillips, Township Engineer, provided a status update on the PECO power failure incident from back in November 2021. PECO will have a contractor by the end of January 2022 to start the repairs. Work will continue on Waverly Road without conflict and will be moving forward with construction. Mr. Areman wanted to thank Gannett Fleming for monitoring the site, as well as for their work on this project.
- B. Update on Deer Management Program: Mr. Clewell was under the weather and not available to attend the meeting. An update will be provided at next month's Public Works Committee Meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS – None.

5. CITIZENS' FORUM – None.

6. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Areman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

7. Mr. Zygmund-Felt brought Committee back to session at 9:30 p.m., following the Building and Zoning Committee, to address some topics he could not address due to technical difficulties he experienced during the Public Works Committee meeting.

- A. Update on Leaf Collection – Mr. Zienkowski said the Public Works crew is running approximately two weeks behind due to a number of employees out on COVID protocol and separation of staff. Available Leaf Collection staff are being used to satisfy trash and recycling collection.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt shared a message from Mr. Clewell regarding leaf collection: Crews are halfway through Route 12 and are hoping to complete it tomorrow. Crews will go back to Routes 11 and 10 every chance they get once route 12 is complete. Crews are preparing for the snow storm Thursday night into Friday. A decision on whether Friday's special collection will be impacted will be made closer to the event when more information is available.

- B. Street Repairs in the Township – Mr. Zienkowski said Bo Coyle, the Highway Superintendent has been reaching out to contractors about the level of workmanship expected in the Township. However, the roads will not be resurfaced until spring when the asphalt plants when the asphalt plants reopen for the spring. Contractors are required to maintain the temporary patches in good condition and Mr. Coyle has been following up with contractors to make sure this happens. Mr. Zienkowski said he plans to begin discussion next month on ways to improve conditions following roadwork.

Ms. Rappoport noted that contractors working for utility companies should also be put on notice that they will be subject to Business Privilege Taxes, when appropriate.

Mr. Brockington asked if the School District is notified when roadwork is happening. Mr. Zienkowski said he will make it our internal policy that the Public Information Officer notifies the School District, as well.

Mr. Zienkowski also commended the Board for increasing the road opening permits with the 2022 Fee Schedule to help pay for follow up inspections.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda Isser – asked if the Township could do further publicity regarding the leaf collection delay.

9. Mr. Zienkowski said there are currently 25 Township employees in COVID Protocol. He thanked all staff who pitched in to cover the shortages and he is sure that this will continue for some time more. There are contingency plans in place to ensure that the Township will continue to operate during this time.

10. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



Robert A. Zienkowski
Township Manager
Submitted by: Ariel Sykes