

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

APRIL 5, 2017

ROAD PROGRAM AND MS-4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEETING

Mr. Kendrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was no one in the audience. The following Officials present were:

Raymond P. Kendrick, Chairman
George P. Allen, Vice Chairman
John A. Marshall, Supervisor
Barton D. Miller, Supervisor
Donna L. Snyder, Supervisor

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Gerald Reichart, Assistant Township Manager
Sara Knapp, Sustainability & MS-4 Coordinator
Scott Shoup, P.E., Township Engineer

The Supervisors and staff left the municipal building and traveled to the following locations:

- Lakeside/Hardt/Gibsonia intersection: Warrants have been met for a traffic signal.
- Community Center Drive Bridge: Site of a stream bank stabilization project.
- Forestwood & Arborwood Drive: Site of a public works department storm sewer project.
- Valleyvue & Deveny: View stop sign locations.
- Richland Park: View construction which is underway on new restrooms.

A group of Valleyvue & Deveny residents came out to speak to the Supervisors.

The tour concluded and the officials returned to the municipal building.

Ms. Knapp made a presentation to the Supervisors on her MS-4 activities including an update on work related to Best Management Practices, TRAISR-GIS mapping, and a “creek cleanup” event planned for Earth Day. Specifically she reported that:

- 99% of the inspections have been performed on the storm sewer system.
- Inspections have been completed on 12 of the 31 detention ponds in the Township.
- New signs and procedures have been installed at the public works garage regarding vehicle washing, spills and emergency information.

She thanked Mr. Miller for providing sample materials from his company.

Mr. Shoup joined Ms. Knapp to complete the MS-4 report. They informed the Board about new requirements for the submittal of a Notice of Intent which is due in September. The submittal is a pre-requirement for renewing the Township’s NPDES/MS-4 Permit . In addition to mapping the entire storm sewer system within the urbanized storm sheds the Township must quantify the degree of stream contamination from siltation and nutrients. This information will serve as a base to develop a Pollution Reduction Plan for each of the watersheds. In the future the Township will be financially responsible for making progress and meeting the pollution reduction goals stated in the Plan.

Mr. Shoup continued by explaining that due to the fact the Allegheny Valley Joint Sewer Authority's Treatment plant is hydraulically overloaded, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is requiring its member municipalities to update their Act 537 Sewer Facilities Plan by April 1, 2018. To streamline the process the Authority has offered to have its engineer prepare the plan on behalf of the municipalities. The \$45,000 cost will be paid from Capital Reserve funds. Each municipality will have a final vote on approving the contents of the plan. Within 180 days from DEP's approval of the updated Act 537 Plan construction must begin on facilities which will accommodate both the hydraulic flows and anticipated new growth.

Mr. Shoup indicated that he and the engineers from the other municipalities will be participating in the design discussions, and that user fees for sewer customers throughout the Deer Creek drainage area could double within the next three to four years.

Mr. Kendrick urged Mr. Shoup to make sure the design criteria was reasonable and said the Township should take steps to prepare customers for potential rates increases.

Next, Mr. Shoup informed the Supervisors that he and Mr. Reichart were scheduled to begin the Deer Creek portion of the manhole inspection program on Wednesday, April 12th. They will begin by prioritizing those manholes with a high probability of inflow and infiltration. He also reported that he is working on a strategy for the most efficient and economical way to address the situations where short portions of sanitary sewer lines have been exposed due to the streams changing course.

He concluded his report by presenting a tabulation sheet showing the three proposals received for the installation of a sanitary sewer line to service two existing homes on Turner Road. The low bid for the sewer extension was from Michael Brantner Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$15,500.00. The proposal for the road boring work was from DRB Boring and Drilling in the amount of \$6,600.00. Mr. Allen made a motion to award the contracts to the two respective bidders, contingent upon receipt of the necessary easements.. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Reichart presented the Spring 2017 Public Works Department Report. He led the Supervisors in a discussion of winter and snow ice control operations and listed the tasks he and his co-workers were able to accomplish when they were not busy with snow removal activities. He concluded with an update on plans for the upcoming spring and summer season and presented three price quotations which he had obtained for a mowing attachment for a skid loader. The lowest bid in the amount of \$9,274.00 was from Northeast Attachment and Track. Mr. Kendrick asked if the purchase was included in the 2017 budget. Mr. Reichart responded that it was.

Mr. Marshall made a motion authorizing the purchase of a mowing attachment from Northeast Attachment and Track for the price of \$9,274.00. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager

