

INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY (ITTS)
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
7:00 PM

MINUTES

Committee: Chairman, Mr. Weiss, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Carminito, and Ms. Webb
Staff: Mr. Krack, Mr. Watson, and Ms. Getzfread

I. Call to Order at 7:03 pm. Ms. Webb excused.

II. Public Participation

Nickolai Jablov, resident. He stated he was present to address any questions the Committee might have about his request regarding 218 Church Street.

Tom DeLuca, resident. He asked how the Committee members were selected. He also raised some concerns as to whether Norfolk Southern was required to provide the Borough with a report as to what they have in their train cars since the rail goes through the Borough.

Mr. Krack explained the Committee is made up of Council persons who are assigned by the Council President for the purpose of vetting information in a public forum prior to items going on the Council Agenda. Staff is present to provide information regarding those topics.

Ms. Burckley further explained that there are also Boards and Commissions which is primarily made up of public members to provide Borough Council with recommendations on various topics which they may be reviewing.

Mr. Krack explained the Borough does not receive any such information from the rail industry regarding what cargo they may be carrying in the various rail cars. He is not aware of any federal requirement for such notifications by any cargo carriers to provide every municipality in their route for such information.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions - None

IV. New Business

A. Motion to recommend Borough Council approved the proposal from 218 Church Street.

Mr. Krack provided background on the request and stated the request is fully supported by Staff.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the request.
Seconded by Mr. Carminito. Motion passed 3-0

V. Infrastructure Updates

A. Demolition – 177 Church Street

Mr. Watson reported the demolition is half completed and should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

B. Stormwater Management

Mr. Krack reported that Council had approved the proposal from the Borough Engineer and that work should begin within a week. He estimates the project to take approximately six months to complete. HE suggested the Committee members review the document to ensure all work they are expecting will be in the final product.

Mr. Carminito asked whether the document could be shared with affected residents. Mr. Krack indicated it could.

VI. Transportation Updates

A. Review McMahon and RVE Engineering Reports

Mr. Weiss asked if any member had any questions. There were none.

B. Starr and Nutt Intersection

Mr. Krack reported the bids were being let and the project should be awarded in April and an estimated early May start of construction.

C. Bridge and Starr Street Intersection

Mr. Krack reported we have an MTF Grant submitted for this location and a response has not been received back on the request to improve the intersection.

D. Paradise and Hall Street

Mr. Krack reported the Borough moved forward with securing its ability to use a portion of Hall Street for the extension. Paradise Street is still moving forward with the first phase being the section from the Fire House to Center Street.

E. Mowere Road

Mr. Krack reported an MTF grant was submitted for this project. Staff is working toward securing all the necessary funding to reconstruct Mowere Road.

F. French Creek Trail

Mr. Watson reported his department will commence clearing the trail area in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Krack stated Staff will be submitting a grant to DCNR for funding to pave the trail.

G. Train Station

Mr. Krack reported the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority (SRPRA) is organizing a meeting for mid to late March to discuss the three potential locations of Phoenixville, Pottstown and Reading. Borough Staff and members of Council will be in attendance.

VII. Sustainability Updates

A. PXV NEO Project

Mr. Watson reported that the initial testing of the HTC equipment went well. Next testing will occur in March. We are hoping to have a ribbon cutting in April.

B. EV Charging Stations

Mr. Krack reported on the progress to date. Goal remains to have 50 stations on line by the end of 2023.

C. Update regarding EV Recycling Truck.

Mr. Watson provided background on the acquisition of the recycling truck and his request to authorize the purchase of a hook truck for multiple purposes including leaf pickup and the HTC site.

VIII. Technology Updates

A. Website

Ms. Straut presented an overview of the changes to the Website in this redesign and sent the committee members the information to view the mock site for themselves.

B. Audio in Council Chambers.

Ms. Getzfread provided background on the age of our existing system and the need to look at 2024 for purchasing of new equipment.

C. Lighting in Council Chambers.

Mr. Krack stated Staff will look into the reason the lighting tends to automatically turn off even though persons are in the room.

IX. Adjournment at 7:50 pm by Mr. Carminito.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm