

**INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY (ITTS)
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 15, 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 7:00 pm
- II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items - None
- III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions - None
- IV. New Business - None
- V. Infrastructure Updates
 - A. Engineering Reports (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)
Nothing new to report this month.
 - B. Stormwater Management
Mr. Krack reported the Borough Engineers were in the field collecting all of the needed data and expects they will have a report and map for the next meeting in June.
 - C. The Phoenix Wheel
Mr. Krack reported the Borough is working through the contract documents with the Department. He also reported that Staff met with Barbara Cohen *SRHC) and her consultant for reconstructing the wheel. He provided them with the many things the Borough still had to do and an estimated timeline before any work under the auspices of the contract could be conducted.
- VI. Transportation Updates
 - A. Starr and Nutt Intersection

Mr. Krack reported there was a Request for Information (RFI) regarding a stormwater inlet which needed verification as to whether it was in the project area or not which would determine how the repair would be fixed. He noted that the Notice to Proceed was still being estimated as the middle of July.
 - B. Bridge and Starr Street

Mr. Krack reported the Borough submitted a CRP Grant application to the County for \$950,000 towards the project. In his meeting with the Commissioner, he emphasized the important of this intersection towards the proposed Amtrak train station location.

C. Paradise and Hall Street

Mr. Krack reported the Paradise Street Project was now out to bid. Bids are due back by June 8 and a recommendation should be ready for Borough Council decision at their June 13 meeting. He also reported that the owner of 425 Bridge Street had filed for a Board of View regarding the just compensation provided for the ROW area the Borough acquired.

D. Mowere Road

Mr. Krack reported that he is working with the Borough Engineer and Solicitor to secure a small area of ROW along the road. He stated that in earlier conversations with the owner of the property, that they were willing to work amicably with the Borough. He expects the letter and exhibits to go out later this week. He also noted there were utility issues that currently have a pretty long lead time. He expects once these items are completed later this year, the Borough could put the project out to bid over the winter and be positioned to start construction in early Spring 2024.

E. North Street

Mr. Krack reported that the survey information is being finalized for the needed ROW area and that he will work with the Borough Engineer and Solicitor to prepare the needed letters and exhibits for the various property owners.

F. French Creek Trail

Mr. Krack reported the information regarding the loss of creek bank area due to Hurricane IDA created the need to acquire additional space. A meeting with Tague Lumber owners is scheduled for Wednesday. He also noted the Borough submitted a grant request to DCNR to make repairs to the bank area and that the estimated cost is near \$500,000. This will be discussed with the property owners as well.

G. Train Station

Mr. Krack reported that no new information was available at this time although he was aware a meeting was being planned for June and would advise of when that is known.

VII. Sustainability Updates

A. PXVNEO

Mr. Watson reported the system went through an initial start up on May 1. The system shutdown due to various programming issues with several of the sensors. Our team is working with the folks in Switzerland to resolve those and anticipates a new start up in the next couple of weeks. This of course will delay any ribbon cutting event. He also noted that the conveyor system should arrive in the second week of June. This will aid in the storage and transfer of the Hydrochar.

B. EV Charging Stations

Mr. Krack reported All Phase would be on site in the next day or so to start trenching for the conduit for EV stations in the Borough parking lot. He also noted that a second set of conduit would be placed in the trench so that utilities for the area of The Wheel project would have them available.

C. Municipal Building Solar Proposal

Mr. Krack reported the Borough Engineer was working on the plans as approved in their proposal. Once the information is gathered, Staff can then look for funding opportunities to install the system.

VIII. Technology Updates

A. Website

Nothing new to report.

B. Microphone System

Ms. Getzfread provided background on the myriad of problems associated with the current microphone system and gave information on the proposal to replace the system.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend the proposal go to the Finance Committee for consideration and approval of the funding as a Budget Increase. Seconded by Ms. Webb. Motion passed 4-0.

IX. Public Participation - None

X. Adjournment 7:40 by Ms. Burckley.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm