

**INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION,
AND SUSTAINABILITY (ITTS)
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Mr. Weiss, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Strenfel
Staff: Mr. Krack, Mr. Watson, and Ms. Getzfread

- I. Call to Order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Kirkner attending for Mr. Moore and Mr. Strenfel who were excused.
- II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.
- III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

There were no member updates or discussions.
- IV. New Business

There was no new business.
- V. Infrastructure
 - A. Engineering Reports (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Mr. Weiss acknowledged receipt of the reports.
 - B. Stormwater Management

Mr. Watson reported that he expects to begin work on the Cedar Avenue project in the late summer. Ms. Getzfread reported the Borough resubmitted a grant application for the Third Avenue project.
 - C. Phoenix Wheel

Mr. Krack reported on the meeting held earlier in the day with representatives from the Schuylkill River Heritage Center. The costs for the project have escalated significantly to the point where it may make the project infeasible unless outside funding can be procured. He also noted that this information is relative to costs as of today. There is great uncertainty relating to any costs that may occur due to tariff increases. He stated the group will meet again in May to determine next steps if any.
 - D. Potable Reuse Feasibility Study RFP

Mr. Krack reported there have been several engineering firms visiting the water and wastewater plants to get additional information relative to the RFP which is due in May.

E. Borough Properties and Habitat for Humanity

Mr. Krack reported preliminary discussion indicates what type of project can occur on the two sites and that additional information will be needed from the Zoning Officer and Solicitor before taking any next steps.

F. Borough Parking Lots

Mr. Krack reported that the Parking Department is still gathering information as to what work will be required to transition the open lots into paid or permit parking.

VI. Transportation

A. Bridge and Starr Street

Mr. Krack reported that all the easement/ROW agreements were received and are being recorded. This will allow the traffic consultant to finalize the plans and submit them to PennDOT for final approval. Once that is received, they can put the bid package together. The goal is to have the project bid by end of summer with some potential work being done before the end of the 2025 construction season.

B. Paradise Street – Phase 2

Mr. Krack reported the traffic engineer continues working with PennDOT on the HOP application and that most of the information has been accepted. Ms. Getzfred reported the County grant application requires an environmental review because the project will be creating a detention basin.

C. Paradise Street Emergency Access

Mr. Watson reported that he is able to start grading the area between Paradise Street and Bridge Street for the preparation of a single lane emergency access. The estimate to create the compacted stone connection is approximately \$75,000.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend the Finance Committee and Borough Council approve a Budget Increase of \$75,000 for the creation of the emergency access road. Second by Mr. Kirkner. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Bridge and Nutt – 23 Corridor Improvements

Mr. Krack reported that PennDOT expects the bids to be let by the end of this month and the construction could start by mid to late July.

E. Trails

Mr. Krack provided details on the embankment failure of approximately 260 feet along the French Creek immediately effecting the area of the French Creek Trail connection. Staff is recommending a Budget Increase of \$265,000 for the repair work to be completed so the remaining portion of the French Creek Trail in that location can be completed.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend the Finance Committee and Borough Council approve a Budget Increase of \$265,000 for the repair work needed for the embankment along the French Creek. Second by Mr. Kirkner. Motion passed 3-0.

F. Walkability

Mr. Krack reported on a proposal to install a speed table/crosswalk at the mid-block crossing in the 100 block of Bridge Street. He provided information regarding the bulb outs in the 200 block and suggested Staff look further into the costs for that type of crosswalk and bring that back to the committee for consideration.

G. Gay and Washington Traffic Signal

Mr. Watson reported that the traffic signals have now been bagged to begin the next sixty-day period required by PennDOT. Once the sixty days pass, the traffic signals can be taken down and replaced with all-way stop signs.

H. Bump outs/Rain gardens

Mr. Watson reported he is finalizing agreements so that construction can start on the location of Main Street and Church Street. He also reported that PennDOT will look at a similar concept for the four corners of the intersection at Starr Street and Second Avenue to provide for a safer crossing at the intersection.

VII. Sustainability

A. PXVNEO

Mr. Watson reported on the recommendations from Keystone Engineering Group for the odor treatment equipment recommendation. After reviewing the recommendations, Staff is recommending the option which provides for two NX5100 units at a cost of \$1,190,000. Mr. Krack noted that it is unknown at this time if there will be any tariff implications, but the budget for this project should cover any potential increase so long as we can get the equipment ordered.

Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to recommend the Finance Committee and Borough Council authorize the acquisition of the equipment. Second by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 3-0.

B. Energy Audit for Solar Installation - Fire Station and Rec Center

Ms. Getzfred reported the audits should be completed by the end of the month. She also reported that a grant application had been submitted to Chester County for funding towards the installation of solar panels on the Recreation Center Building.

VIII. Technology Updates

A. Monthly Reports

Mr. Weiss noted receipt of the various reports.

IX. Public Comment

Irene Hilly stated she is not in favor of the installation of solar panels on the Recreation Center Building which is across the street from her residence.

David Saneck raised a concern regarding the type of solar panels being recommended and he would like to see solar panels which rotate be installed to prevent any reflection against his property.

Sally Doyle of the Green Team expressed her support for the many things the Borough is doing regarding sustainability. She also sees a noticeable reduction in noise at the Gay Street and Washington Avenue intersection due to the signals being removed. She also reminded everyone that Saturday April 26 is Earth Day and encouraged everyone to come out and support their event.

Dave Meadows expressed his concerns regarding the parking lot at 177 Church Street and that is being underutilized due to costs for parking and that Church Street is being impacted with new residents of the apartment complex parking on the street instead of the parking lot/garage on the property itself.

X. Adjournment at 8:20 by Ms. Burckley

Next Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**, at 7:00 pm.