

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING  
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chair Christopher Lincoln, Public Works Director Dean Murray and Borough Secretary Cathy Hoffman.

Visitors:            James T. Rogers            Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

**James T. Rogers** spoke about the street sweeping program and then provided details of a survey he had conducted and then asked that his survey document become part of the record for this meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Parking Study** – The information provided by Megan Gardo at the last meeting was reviewed again. Mr. Lincoln said that he needed some further information and will contact Ms. Gardo.

**Trucks on Residential Streets** – It was reported that there are still sightings of trucks in residential areas, and that some park on the lower end of Chestnut Street. The Police Department will be contacted to see if they are noticing a decrease in the number of trucks on residential streets. They will also be asked to review the situation on Chestnut Street.

**ARLE Grant** – The grant was briefly discussed and it was noted that the 2017 budget probably would not support the work that needs to be done as part of the grant.

**Wrong Side Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption** – There is no new information concerning the preemption at the traffic signals on Penn Avenue because it would be almost impossible to know what is causing the signal to bounce and activate another emergency vehicle pre-emption device.

**Street Sweeping** – This was briefly discussed. Finding out what other municipalities do with street sweeping had previously been asked and Mrs. Hoffman reported that in her survey of municipalities with a population between 4000 and 5000, and a square mile in size (of which there were many), there were only two that have permanently posted streets for street sweeping. Those communities didn't have both sides posted because they either had fewer trees, or fewer homes. She noted that there are no municipalities that have as many row homes in such a small area with as many trees, as West Reading does.

**Green Light-Go Grant**- This grant application has been submitted. It was noted that the grant, if awarded, would replace the signal heads on the avenue as well as provide ground mounted battery compartments that would allow the signals to continue working in the event of a power outage.

### **New Business**

The Reading Hospital's new 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue building project has bumped out the curb and sidewalk on the east side of S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, creating a narrower corridor for vehicles. As a result, eight parking spaces on the west side of S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will need to be eliminated and no parking signs installed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman, Borough Secretary