

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chair Christopher Lincoln, Public Works Director Dean Murray, Police Chief Stephen Powell, Parking Enforcement Jason Witman, Engineer Thomas Unger, Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors: None

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

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Parking Study – There was nothing new to report.

ARLE Grant – There was nothing new to report.

Green Light-Go Grant- There is nothing to report at this time.

8th & Penn Traffic Signal Maintenance Responsibility – There was nothing new to report.

Parking Violations – N. 7th Avenue – Mr. Witman reports Gage Personnel Services has placed signage on their entryway alerting visitors to the parking restrictions. Also, Mr. Witman has monitored activity in this area and has requested violators move their vehicles from the no parking area. Chief Powell recommends ordering four “No Parking or Standing” signs to replace the existing no parking signs. No ordinance changes will be needed.

Parking Enforcement – Chief Powell states the District Justice is dismissing Title 75 of the PA Motor Vehicle Code citations issued by Mr. Witman. Ordinance modifications are needed to allow Mr. Witman to enforce violations such as parking on sidewalk, handicap parking, fire hydrant parking etc. Mr. Unger suggested possibly adopting Title 75 into our ordinance. Chief Powell will draft language for our next meeting. Solicitor to review suggested changes.

Penn Street Bridge Pedestrian Crosswalk – Mr. Murray reported J.D. Eckman has not yet installed signage and lighting as directed by PennDOT. Mr. Murray will follow up with J.D. Eckman in a week or two if there appears to be no progress.

New Business

N. 7th and Walnut Street Intersection – An increase in traffic flow is anticipated for this area with the planned renovations to Narrow Fabric building and Vanity Fair. A lengthy discussion regarding the narrow Walnut Street roadway and placement of stop signs possibly upon private property, line painting, etc. Mrs. Hoffman suggested Mr. Unger survey the area to delineate the street in order to proceed appropriately. All were in agreeance.

Buttonwood Paving Project – Mr. Unger will provide Mrs. Hoffman a copy of the advertisement for bid opening planned the 2nd week of February. Mr. Unger anticipates acceptance and award of a contract during the February Council meeting.

Sunset/Sycamore Alley, 5th to Linden Paving Project - There was discussion on possibly eliminating replacement of the sections of terra cotta sewer line which are sufficiently buried. Mr. Unger will request the bids break out sewer line replacement costs, however he felt this would only save approximately \$3000-\$5000. Mr. Unger suggested we concurrently bid the 6th/Kent alley, Franklin to Spruce paving project planned for this year. Mr. Unger will request bids from J.D. Eckman since they currently have equipment in the area.

Parkview Road Bridge – Mr. Unger reports he will be attending a meeting in Allentown tomorrow regarding design standards for this project.

Street Sweeping – Mr. Murray will order additional street cleaning signs for the additional streets. Mrs. Hoffman will modify the ordinance to include the new streets.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Administrative Assistant