

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

MAY 13, 2020

The Borough of West Reading Traffic & Infrastructure Committee met on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via a Zoom Meeting, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Patrick Kaag; Public Works Director Dean Murray; Police Chief Stephen Powell; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Borough Manager Nicholas Imbesi; and Borough Secretary Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors: Karen Livingood, Resident
Philip Wert, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Karen Livingood requested guidance on how to report property maintenance issues such as high grass and dangerous sidewalks. Mr. Imbesi recommended that she contact the Code Department Manager at extension 223 or provide a written complaint to the Code Department.

Mrs. Livingood also requested information on the hydrant flushing schedule. Mr. Murray stated that within the next few weeks hydrant flushing would take place during daytime hours by the Public Works Department instead of the normal evening hours by the Fire Department.

Old Business

Parkview Road Pedestrian Bridge – Mr. Murray noted a verbal meeting with a representative of UGI and the engineer to discuss design matters. The project is moving forward with a projected construction timeline of Fall 2020. A monetary contribution from UGI is still unknown at this time.

Pine Street Paving Project – Mr. Lincoln noted Council’s decision to delay this paving project until 2021 due to the financial impact caused by the pandemic. The Committee was requested to review cost sharing information provided by residents during the March Traffic and Infrastructure Committee meeting for options to fund curb and sidewalk replacement.

New Business

Natural Gas Main Upgrades – Mr. Murray reported that UGI has begun tying in the new gas lines at Fourth Avenue and Pine Street, Sycamore Road and Parkview Drive and will be moving onto Second Avenue and Spruce Streets. Mr. Murray will be requesting UGI to make permanent macadam trench repairs to Pine Street and Sycamore Road now that these paving projects have been delayed.

Street Sweeping – Mr. Imbesi shared resident concerns regarding the postponement of street sweeping and requested the Committee’s feedback. Mr. Lincoln encouraged street sweeping to be done as efficiently as possible around the increased number of vehicles parked on Borough streets during the stay-at-home order. The parking enforcement postponement will be reevaluated once the County has been moved from the Red Phase to the Yellow Phase of the state’s social restrictions.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Borough Secretary