

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018**

The Borough of West Reading Infrastructure Committee met at Borough Hall on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 immediately following the Traffic Committee meeting, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Nicholas Imbesi; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Public Works Director Dean Murray; Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira. Nicholas Gardecki was unable to attend.

Visitors: Karen Livingood, Resident

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Infrastructure Committee minutes of Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and Wednesday, April 11, 2018 by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Street Opening Permit – The Committee reviewed the redline changes to this ordinance; there were no further comments.

Motion to recommend to Council approval to advertise the Street Opening Ordinance. Motioned by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. **Motion carried.**

2018 Street Projects – Mr. Murray stated 5th Avenue and Museum Road paving should be completed by the end of summer to allow gas line work to be performed by UGI. The engineer plans to contact Verizon to discuss specification of the two manholes located within this roadway.

The Reading Hospital plans to repave Parkside Drive North from Museum Road to 7th Avenue by the end of June. Mr. Lincoln requested the opportunity to review paving specifications; Mrs. Hoffman noted a hold harmless agreement will be requested from the hospital.

Penn Avenue Infrastructure – Mr. Murray noted placement of recycling labels on the bins located within the 500 block of Penn Avenue has reduced the amount of trash being placed in these receptacles. Street light pole painting will take place within the 300 block of Penn Avenue, including the single pole replacements within the 200 and 600 blocks that have been damaged by vehicle accidents. The WRCRF intends to paint the poles located along 5th Avenue. Mr. Murray also noted the purchase of two new trashcans that will facilitate the cycling of trashcan refurbishment along Penn Avenue.

Reading Hospital Banner Sign Placement – Mrs. Hoffman noted discussions with L & H Sign Company regarding placement of the banner signs. Installation progress has ceased until a representative from L & H Sign attends a Council meeting to discuss the importance of the multiple placement locations.

Route 422 West Shore Bypass Project – There was nothing new to report.

Grant Funding for Parkview Road Pedestrian Bridge – The grant application has been submitted.

Traffic and Infrastructure Committee Enabling Ordinance – Committee members reviewed the draft ordinance enabling the traffic and infrastructure committees to merge. The following minor revisions were requested:

- Section 2 B – change Traffic Enforcement Officer to Parking Enforcement Officer.
- Section 5 A – remove “provided that there are at least four voting members present” from the first sentence.

Motion to recommend to Council approval to advertise the Establishment of a Traffic and Infrastructure Committee Ordinance with noted changes. Motioned by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Assistant to the Manager

Cathy Hoffman
Borough Manager