

LED Streetlight Feasibility Study Presentation – Michael Fuller, KLS

Michael Fuller, President of Keystone Lighting Solutions, LLC, gave a brief presentation on the process of the Regional Street Procurement Program sponsored by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The program allows a large group of municipalities to go through the design and procurement program without having to do the competitive bidding process individually. Mr. Fuller went over the cost, which is estimated at \$87,498, which calculates at an 11 year payback with energy saving; however the Borough has secured a Multi-Model Grant in the amount of \$72,000, so the payback would be much sooner. M. Fuller also went over the timing of the program and said that replacement would likely start in the summer of 2019 and take about a year for all the municipalities participating but the actual time in Trappe would be about 1-2 weeks. C. Peck asked if Council had considered adding additional lighting on Main Street to help enhance the walkable community. This is something that can be looked at during the design phase.

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

P. Ronca introduced the topic of curb repairs for the 2019 road work and the impact that it has on residents. He apologized that the latest version of Road Projects that was approved on August 3, 2018 is not the version that the one on the website from is 2017 and that some of the roads that were originally slated to be slurry sealed are not set to be milled and overlaid. There were a group of residents from Ursinus Avenue and Marian Road that were present to talk about the letters that they had received regarding replacement of curbing in anticipation of the milling and overlay to be done to the roads in June.

G. Widman – 37 Marian Road addressed Council regarding a letter that he submitted on behalf of the group. The main concerns are: whether the road actually needs milled and overlaid; that the curbing should be the responsibility of the Borough as it impacts the stability of the road; the need for a permit. Whitpain Township covers the cost of curbing and have deleted their codes on curbing. T. Twardowski reported that she spoke with the Asst. Manager of Whitpain and that approximately 15 years ago Whitpain took a 6 million dollar bond and did major curbing repair throughout the Township. Whitpain did not remove their ordinance requiring the curb to be the responsibility of the resident, they did not have one. Whitpain said that this is not a definite policy – it was a one-time project and could be handled differently in the future. G. Widman also pointed out that the Borough drive does not have a curb and driveway apron.

Allen Reiner – 23 Ursinus Ave. felt that there were other technologies that could be used such as infrared to determine what the underlying condition of the road is.

P. Schmoll, Borough Engineer, gave an overview of why the mill and overlay was recommended for Marian and Ursinus rather than a slurry seal or oil and chip.

M. Bergman - 66 Ursinus Ave. stated the change of plan was not communicated to the residents.

B. Yeagley – mentioned that the changes were in the Fall newsletter that was sent out in September and also in the August minutes on the website, but the Borough does apologize that it was not updated in the road project table.

G. Widman said that many people are not on computers, letters should be sent.

M. Shirk – 60 Ursinus Ave. stated the curb height should remain the same if the Borough is milling. P. Schmoll responded that the height of the curb is not necessarily the concern, but the structural integrity of the curb.

J. Wiley – 34 Marian Road stated that three years ago they were notified that curbs needed repair in advance of road work and they did repair their curb. At the time nothing was said about the driveway. T. Twardowski explained that the Borough is not requiring the driveway to be dug up at this time, but the letter was sent to notify homeowners that if there was structural concerns with the curb when the curb was revealed by the milling, the property owner would be required to fix the curb but would not be able to dig up the road, they would need to repair it from the driveway side. The Borough cannot tell the current condition of the curb because it has been covered over. The reason the residents are getting this notification now is because issues became apparent when Oak Road was milled, in order to try to avoid that this year, the Borough is giving previous notification.

G. Widman reiterated that since the integrity of the curb affects the road the two should both be the responsibility of the Borough.

D. Onorato explained that the Borough of Trappe has an Ordinance that states that the maintenance and repair of the curb shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Therefore, the Borough can't cover the cost of the curb. Additionally, the road projects has already awarded the contract for the work, so therefore the project must move forward.

Meri Bonavita – 30 Ursinus Ave. said that she has gotten a proposal that is less than what Drumheller is charging. P. Ronca – you may use any contractor as long as they repair the curb as required by the Borough code. The Borough had to publicly bid the project and that was the only bid that was received.

D. Harner – 107 East First Ave., said that he doesn't understand the driveway issue as he had a stone driveway when he moved in.

Someone asked if the Borough would waive the permit fee. P. Ronca said that this is something that Council will need to discuss. The permit fee helps defer the cost of the inspections.

L. Wiley – 34 Marian Road stated that she read the newsletter three years ago and shared with her neighbors that the road was supposed to be redone and they proactively fixed their curbs. Now they received a letter about the driveway. T. Twardowski reiterated that it may or may not be a problem, if the Borough can't inspect the curb, we don't know if it bad or not.

R. Podbielski – 46 Marian Road had questions regarding what would happen if when the road was milled it was discovered that more curbing than was originally identified was deficient. P. Schmoll said he has not had then happen in areas that they could see (exposed curbing).

E. Burkholder – 41 Marian Road felt that the letter was confusing and he wasn't sure what he needed to replace. He thinks additional letters should be sent out. T. Twardowski advised that as

John Klink presented the Treasurer Report dated January 31, 2019 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,267.68.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: B. Yeagley

Seconded: T. Liberi

Approved: 7 – 0

John Klink presented the Treasurer’s Report dated January 31, 2019 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1130 and 1131, along with a transfer that belonged to the General Fund in the amount of \$6,458.00.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: T. Liberi

Approved: 7 – 0

B. Long reminded Council that a portion of Upper Providence Township’s annual contribution to Trappe Fire Company is now being designated for the Fire Company’s workers compensation fund creating a shortfall to the Fire Company. B. Long requested an adjustment similar to 2016 but was overlooked in 2017. The Treasurer confirmed the payment in 2016 and that the funds were in the Budget for this adjustment

A motion to issue payment to the Trappe Fire Company in the amount of \$12,898.23, which was the contribution made by Upper Providence Township to Trappe Borough to help offset the cost of worker’s compensation insurance:

Motion: S. Martin

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved 7-0

Mayor’s Report:

- Attended the Trappe Fire Company meeting and swore in the 2019 Fire Company officers.
- On this date in 1869 Ursinus received their charter from the State Legislature and they will be celebrating their 150th Birthday.

Borough Manager’s Report: The written Borough Manager’s report by Tamara Twardowski was presented to all for review. A copy of the report is available at Borough Hall.

T. Twardowski presented Resolution 2019-02 supporting the Memorial Day Parade and authorizing submittal of the Penn Dot permit. There was brief discussion on whether Collegeville should also be listed as a co-sponsor and what the “sponsoring” actually entailed.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-02:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 7- 0

T. Twardowski presented Resolution 2019-03 authorizing participation in the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-03:

Moved: B. Yeagley

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 7- 0

T. Twardowski presented an agreement with Keystone Lighting Solutions for the 4 Phases of the Street Light Upgrade. While the agreement does cover all 4 phases, the Borough does not have to move forward and can opt out after each phase. The second phase which we will be proceeding with now will cost \$4,612.00.

Motion to approve the agreement with Keystone Lighting Solutions, and the approval of Phase Two (2) in the amount of \$4,612.00:

Moved: B. Yeagley

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 7- 0

a trail during the review of an expansion of the Frederick Campus. The commission agreed to issue a letter of support.

Public Works & CTMA: The minutes for the December 19, 2018 meeting of CTMA were presented. The Public Works minutes were not approved as the January meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. A copy is available for inspection at Borough Hall.

Information Technology and Communications: P. Webster distributed an editorial calendar for the Spring 2019 Newsletter. Articles need to be submitted to the Borough office March 5th to be included.

Traffic & Safety: Reports of the Trappe Fire Co. for January 31, 2019 and the Trappe Fire Co. Ambulance for December 31, 2018 were presented. The January 2019 State Police report was also presented. Copies of all reports are available at Borough Hall for inspection.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council discussed the request of the Trappe Historical Society for a waiver of building permit fees. Council choose not to waive the permit fees.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:15 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Council reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

Motion to withdrawal the bid process for the 2019 trash contract so that the specifications can be amended:

Motion: S. Martin

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 7-0

Adjournment - There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by President P. Ronca at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tamara D. Twardowski
Borough Secretary**