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Public Works Committee

Date: May 12, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Bernie Flynn – 6th Ward (Chair)
 Bryan Travis – 2nd Ward
 Brian McGinnis – 3rd Ward

Department Heads Present:
Don Anderson, Director Public Works
Sean Mitchell, Wastewater Director
Ramsey Reiner, Assistant Borough Manager
Keith Kurowski, Director Parks & Recreation

Borough Manager: Sean Metrick

1. Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
2. Announcements
 - The Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. Please note trash, recycling and yard waste will be delayed one day.
 - A Public Hearing will be held on May 20, 2026, at 6:30PM for the amendment to Chapter 62 Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse.
3. Comments, suggestions, petitions by residents in attendance regarding items not on the agenda.
 - Darryl Cook, S. Walnut Street, asked how much it costs to close down Gay Street. Mr. Flynn stated he would get back to Mr. Cook with an answer.
4. Departmental Reports
 - a) Traffic & Engineering Reports
 - Kelly Goff, RVE, stated that for the Gay Street Closure Project for the open-air market is substantially complete. We are working on the punch list items for the contractor. We are working with PennDOT on the construction plans and permitting plans for the Gay and High Street intersection improvement project which includes the reconstruction of the intersection. Mr. Flynn asked about the snow removal and the plows hitting the fiberglass pads. Ms. Goff stated she will defer to Mr. Anderson since he has consulted with the Matador manufacturer.

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b) Public Works

- Don Anderson, Director, stated they met with the manufacturer of the bollards, and you cannot plow over the fiberglass. The plow needs to be lifted six inches, and someone will need to shovel or use a gas operated broom. Mr. Flynn stated we have a propensity for putting down excess salt and he asked if that would gum up the slide rails inside the platform. Mr. Anderson stated we are going to have to come up with a plan after each snowstorm to clean them out.
- We have been watering the trees for the past few weeks, and we will keep filling the gator bags. A sink hole developed in Sharon Alley at Magnolia Street. We need to camera because of the infrastructure underneath. The crew replaced the EWF (engineered wood fiber) at Kathy McBratnie Park that had sunk over the winter months. An in-house repair was made to the collapsed catch basin in front of the Bicentennial Garage. Mr. Flynn asked about the 2026 paving project and Mr. Anderson explained that it went out to bid last week. Mr. McGinnis asked about the utility paving on Union and Market Streets and Bradford Avenue. Mr. Anderson stated he would forward the schedule once he received from the contractor.
- Wastewater
 - Sean Mitchell, Wastewater Director, said crews at Goose Creek found a mixer with two bad bearings and a chipped gear shaft. We are waiting for the quote to decide if we will repair or replace. The crew dropped and cleaned the T3-B aeration tank. They tightened or replaced bolts and gaskets and placed back on-line. The large thickener clarifier failed, and we will be discussing the co-stars quote at the Finance Meeting tomorrow at a cost of \$345,200. Over at Taylor Run they found a damaged gear reducer and they replaced it internally. Tanks were dropped, cleaned and placed back in service.
 - At the College Avenue pump station, the crew installed a wireless network system, so we now have networking to monitor the flow, wet well levels and for security. We will install it at the Miner Street Pump Station next.
 - The Goose Creek Electrical Substation capital project is 90% complete. The temporary power service has been disconnected and removed. The breakers have been set up and the unit is on-line. Eaton has a punch list to fix. The contractor is waiting for the automatic transfer switch and the new fence to arrive so it can be installed and completion of the project. For the Maple Alley Project the responsible contractor has been accepted and signed by Mr. Metrick.

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We are waiting for the contract to be returned. Pre-construction meeting will be in a couple of weeks, mobilize in June and construction in July with a projected completion date of August. We will deliver letters to residents once all of the dates are finalized.

- The College Avenue and New Street pump stations back-up pumps have arrived. The sluice gate project is underway and lastly, the Taylor Run driveway replacement is going to bid shortly to be presented to Council in June for approval.

- Parks and Recreation
 - Keith Kurowski, Parks & Recreation Director, stated they submitted three (3) grants Two were with the County and one with the DCNR to support John O'Green Park phase 2 project. I want to thank Megan Todaro from Pennoni for her assistance with the submissions. There is an attachment which lists our program sales, and it is broken out by residents and non-residents. We will be doing a lot of work in the parks in the next few weeks. A number of trees have been condemned because of the Emerald Ash Borer. We will have eight trees in Everhart Park removed and approximately 40 trees in Hoopes Park removed. The Turks Head Festival is on June 7th. We are working with the Friends of Everhart Park and will be moving the food trucks from inside the park to Union Street. Mr. Travis asked if Union Street would be closed and Mr. Kurowski said yes, but emergency vehicles would be allowed access. Mr. Flynn stated that Sue Bayne was questioning if the bat boxes were working and if we needed to install more. Mr. Kuroski stated that as far as he knows they are working and we have not received any requests for additional boxes.
 - Mr. Flynn stated that the John O'Green covenant requires the Borough to submit a report to the EPA. Mr. Kurowski stated he has never submitted a report and to his knowledge has ever been requested. Mr. Flynn stated that according to the covenant it doesn't get requested, we are required to send it in. Mr. Flynn said we need to get with Administration and figure out what we need to send them yearly.

- Public Works Chair Report
 - Mr. Flynn stated he had no report this month.

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5. Old Business

- a) Approve the April 2026 meeting minutes
 - Approve 3 - 0
- b) Discuss the progress of the new Public Works building
 - Issue: Continue conversation on a new Public Works Building*
 - Mr. Metrick stated we are visiting West Whiteland at the end of this week. We anticipate having the framework for feasibility study drafted by the end of the Summer.

6. New Business

- a) Motion to approve the sale of items from Wastewater with proceeds being deposited into the sewer fund.
 - Issue: Sell decommissioned equipment from Wastewater*
 - Mr. Mitchell stated they have two items they would like to sell on Municibid. They have a lawnmower and a double disc pump. Mr. Flynn asked if he knew the value of the items. Mr. Mitchell said he had no idea, but we should get some money for the pump.
 - Approve 3 – 0

Adjourn – 5:56 PM