

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Works

Date:	05.05.2020	Location: Zoom Teleconference
Chair:	Jillian Edmondson	Time: 6:30 pm
Note Taker:	Cindy Bahn	
Members In Attendance:	Jodi Cernimara, Council Tony DiTullio, Council	
Members Absent:		
Others In Attendance:	Val Pennington, Council President Cindy Bahn, DAS Andrea Contes, Financial Services Administrator	Ben Gilberti, HRG Engineers Lauren Breslin, HRG Engineers Brian Churilla, HRG Engineers Brian Krell, HrG Engineers
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1	Engineer; Ben Gilberti, HRG Engineers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Gilberti and Mr. Krell spoke about manhole flush valves and replacing manholes as an annual project to permit more sewer pipe lining, which can be done through Alcosan GROW grants. Several locations have already had flow data collected by Alcosan, which makes them good projects. ▪ Mr. Gilberti reported on the potential availability of Covid-19 Stimulus #5 dollars, which he believes will be available for infrastructure projects, especially those that are wastewater related. Because of the federal consent order, these are also good projects. Some candidates include the installation of flusher valves and lampholes, and the Straw Avenue sanitary sewer. Mr. Gilberti suggests developing a sewage capital improvement plan that would position Bellevue nicely when grant applications are available. ▪ Mr. Gilberti will prepare an advertisement for the 2020 street paving program and will schedule a sewer lining pre-construction meeting. 	
Unfinished Business:		
1	Traffic Signatl at Route 65 and West Riverview Avenue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Gilberti noted that there are not clear traffic lanes and they are narrow. He suggests the Borough submit a Multimodal Transportation grant application through the Commonwealth Finance Authority, as this intersection is traversed by pedestrians, buses and vehicles. The grant application is due July 31. 	
2	Manhole Installation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Covered under the Engineers Report, above. 	

3	<p>185 Kendall Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Bahn noted that this was on Paul Cusick's draft agenda for the April Committee meeting. It was explained that this property is a rental, and the property owner wanted to install a driveway on a slope behind the structure. Mr. Gilberti provided language from Allegheny County's SALDO, which the Borough has adopted, which disallows the driveway because of the steep grade. He does not know if this language was communicated to the property owner. Ms. Bahn will follow up with Mr. Cusick and the previous DPW superintendent to learn more.
4	<p>South Harrison Sinkhole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This issue is apparently caused by the property owner's lateral. Council previously discussed the Borough handling the repair and liening the property. Mr. Gilberti remembers that Council approved \$5,000 or \$6,000 to repair. Ms. Bahn will do some followup for additional information.
5	<p>DPW Superintendent Search</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Bahn reported that 38 applications were received, and she narrowed the list to 14. Office staff contacted the remaining candidates to determine continuing interest in the position. One had recently found another job and one did not want to take a pay cut. She contacted Jason Dailey, the DPW Director for Cranberry Township, and he suggested asking the Ross Township and Avalon Borough DPW Directors to assist with the first round of interviews, as Bellevue's DPW Superintendent would likely be working with them, and they would be able to determine if candidates actually possessed the skills claimed on their resume. Mr. Dailey also provided 2 interview guides to be used; the first covers technical skills and the second is used to determine if a candidate is a good fit for the workplace culture. Ms. Bahn will follow up.
New Business:	
1	<p>Dakota Avenue Bricks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an ongoing project for DPW, who have been waiting for better weather to complete.
2	<p>Glass Recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PA Resource Council will help municipalities develop a more permanent solution to recycling glass so they don't need to host or wait for a pop-up event. Ms. Bahn will also consult with Recycle Source to see if they would accept occasional truckloads of glass for processing.
<p>Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. DiTullio asked about the status of improvements to the Police Department entrance; Chief Sentner responded that the new window will be installed on the evening of May 6. 	

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:59 pm

Next Meeting: June 2, 2020, 6:30 pm

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on May 26, 2020.