

March 24th 2010 - Wednesday @ 6pm Council Chambers

Attendees: Council Members: Barbara Ervin, Pamela Macklin, Michael Lefebvre, Borough Manager Marla Marcinko, Borough Engineer David Gilliland

There were no public comments.

Committee reviewed the 2010 Capital Budget noted that the capital budget of \$351,599 exceeded capital funds resulting in a projected negative capital fund balance of \$115,663.

The Boro Engineer reviewed their open projects (see attached): The stimulus funded **sewer repairs** lowest bid is Lawson Excavating at \$508,900 leaving an unfunded balance of \$180,220. The County is searching to see if they have any additional available funds. Engineer recommends we accept the bid and authorize TCVCOG to award the contract. *Committee noted that DPW staff could benefit from taking this opportunity to observe construction and repairs performed by Lawson. **Training staff** is critical with 3 more DPW workers near or at retirement age (Melvin, Noe, Frank)*

The NSP **Demolition** grant of ~\$294,000 in the neighborhood of **Ross/Rebecca from Swissvale to Busway** is due for advertisement in April/May. Engineer noted we received the grant as part of the state foreclosure funding, Wilkinsburg foreclosure rate was the highest in the County.

Municipal Building Windows work is completed (two minor punch list items to be completed). Boro Manager said there is a second round of funding and our application for **replacement of the remaining windows** will be resubmitted in April 2010.

Culvert repair under Jeanette/Rebecca ~ \$25,000 and Drainage repairs on McNary ~\$5,000 are scheduled for completion by end of April weather permitting. *Committee noted they do not appear to have been budgeted in 2010 (WFC)*

CD36 Demolition ~\$97,000 for about 20 houses (**oldest/worst condition boro wide**) County to complete contract with TCVCOG projected schedule - Advertise May, let bid June, demo in July

Engineer/BM noted that the TCVCOG, with their engineer, is working with Trans Assoc to install 168 **LED traffic lights (bulbs)** in the Boro (except Penn Ave which Penn Dot completed). *He noted that this does include controller replacements. (WCP)*

Discussion moved to **LED street lighting** which would significantly lower electric bills. BM noted that LED lighting is new and not proven. We discussed whether induction/ softer lighting would be preferable, the information that the City of Pgh is looking at converting street lighting to LED, LED lights can last 20 years. Duquesne Light owns the light poles in Wilkinsburg and reducing our energy usage is not their priority. BM pointed out that under the Energy Power Bill - Act 125 DQL is required to reduce their energy usage footprint substantially. This could be used to pave the way for change. *Refer for discussion ALOM.* BM will discuss with new City Sustainability Office and Wilkinsburg plan.

Macklin discussed potential of **County taking ownership of Laketon Rd** as they do for Laketon Rd in Penn Hills. Engineer discussed that **Graham Blvd** has the same status and that the County only took ownership of arterial roads from townships. Many of those townships are now boroughs but their arterial roads continue to be owned and maintained by the County. In the late 1980's/early 1990's the SPRPC completed a study of arterial roads and made recommendations of roads that the state should take over from the county and the county take over from local communities to have consistent maintenance responsibility by the County. The current maintenance responsibilities favour the suburbs and neglect the inner ring suburbs (Wilkinsburg) and the river/mill towns. We all pay county taxes for county roads. (Refer to ALOM)

Sewer Pump Stations - Fairmont was damaged 3/13/2010 by electrical fire believed caused by malfunction Duquesne Light. DPW manually operated alternating pumps until back up generator was repaired. BM reported to insurance company. Lefebvre noted that at the Public Safety Committee they were advised the McNary pump was down ~3/19/2010. BM and Engineer were unaware of event. They will investigate and BM will add to insurance claim. **Discussion with engineer continued as to aging condition of pumps and motors and replacement will be necessary within a couple years for McNary.** That there is a possibility we can work with Churchill to combine pumping stations theirs in Blackridge and ours on McNary saving capital and maintenance costs. (Churchill outsourced their pump maintenance to Dave Martin). Engineer will email us capital estimates for new pump station.

DPW facilities discussion: **Salt storage building needed for DPW.** BM said that Turtle Creek just built storage shed (blocks and hard plastic cover). Macklin noted Water Authority has shed by Hamnet busway station. Determined there should be sufficient room if DPW left side lot is cleared. **Gate** needs to be repaired or replaced. BM/Engineer will get costs estimates. **Dumping** by DPW eyesore, apparently Penn Dot contractors dumped concrete slabs - BM to follow up. Pile of **tires** growing - have quote to dispose of. But DPW has to clean, remove rims, and load in Waste Management dumpster.

Singer Place storm sewer install French drain and replace 4 paving slabs **with porous concrete pavement** over graduated stone fills prevents puddles, ice build up and environmentally friendly. DPW will annual maintenance drain and power wash porous concrete ~ \$22,000 grant.

We discussed resources to fund neighborhood pavement/sidewalk program that will give assistance to improve safety and image of streets sidewalks. CDBG funds sidewalk improvements to eliminate blight and make ADA accessible. Porous sidewalks/paving maybe open opportunities for 'green' funding (see 9 Mile Run newsletter article attached). Ervin raised the question of who is responsible for vacant properties sidewalks. As it is the responsibility of the owner Macklin will take this to the Planning Commission to make sure the VPRP includes sidewalk replacements in their requirements.

Wesley landslide still looking for funding

William Penn Place houses back gardens are swampy due to storm sewer and pipe blockage from Beacon Hill. Beacon Hill Associates agreed to clean storm sewer and pipes.

- We will review what capital items/data are included in the preliminary draft of the Comprehensive, Business and Early Intervention Plans - BM will prepare analysis for April 28th meeting
- BM and Dept Heads will submit a 10 year plan for replacing equipment, property etc. BM will ask dept heads for at least a 5 year plan for review April 28th
- We will request 5 & 10 year capital plan from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Capital Planning committee had a fruitful brain storming session and will continue to develop and collect ideas, resources and plans for the borough.
- Ervin suggested that we bring experts and speakers in to increase our knowledge of capital planning opportunities e.g. LED lighting, funding sources, green technology and guidelines.

As we move forward we will discuss and review how we develop a 10 to 20 yr capital plan for the borough (May Meeting) ensuring that it is aligned with our Comprehensive, Business, Early Intervention Plans and potential funding sources.

Old Business -none

Public Comment for New Business - none

New Business -none

Adjournment 8 pm.

Next Meeting: 6pm Wednesday, April 28th