

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP MEETING
May 13, 2014 Approved minutes
6:38 PM

Members Present

Joe Pomorski, Chairman
Steve Herzog, Vice Chairman
Ed Porter, Member
Charles Kilgore, Member

Township Staff Present

Lisa Valaitis, Township Secretary
Rosemary Moore, Township Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER, SILENT MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman Joe Pomorski called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. Discussion

A. Mortonville Road

- 1) Tag Gathercole gave an overview of the current condition of Mortonville Road. He reported that after the last heavy rain, Mortonville Road had cracked more in the same location where it was previously damaged. The Board was notified and Chris Della Penna came out to view the damage. At this point, they decided to close the road. Mr. Gathercole asked for the Board's opinion on whether or not to open Mortonville Road in one direction.
- 2) Chris Della Penna stated that the damage to Mortonville Road is due to settlement, erosion, and drainage issues as well as other problems. The first step is to bring an expert out to view the road and do an evaluation. Per the Board's request, Mr. Della Penna obtained two geotechnical evaluation proposals. These proposals include an evaluation of the road condition, what caused the damage, and recommendations on how to fix it.
- 3) The two proposals are as follows:
 - a) Advanced GeoServices for \$10,489
 - b) Earth Engineering Incorporated for \$8,865

DISCUSSION: The two proposals are for comparable work and the main difference in costs can be attributed to the Engineering Report charges. Both firms are reputable. Ed Porter asked what Advanced GeoServices did when they came out to look at Mortonville Road a few years ago. Chris Della Penna responded that they looked at the problems with the road and had done a proposal for further investigation. They thought at the spot with the deepest settlement, that there is a tree root decomposing underneath. At that time, the Township had decided not to move forward with an investigation because they were going to do the rock facing. Ed Porter asked Tag Gathercole if he had applied for emergency funds. Mr. Gathercole responded that he had not been able to get emergency funds. Chris Della Penna asked if there were any emergency funds or disaster relief available. Charles Kilgore stated it was only available for small businesses. Ed Porter asked Chris Della Penna his opinion on opening the road in one direction. Chris Della Penna said that he would prefer not to give a recommendation.

ACTION: Mortonville Road will remain closed until the evaluation is complete. The Board will put Earth Engineering Incorporated's geotechnical evaluation proposal on the May 27, 2014 agenda and put it to vote. Tag Gathercole also recommended that proper detour signs be put up.

B. Update on Other Damaged Roads

1) Mount Carmel Road –

Mount Carmel Road washed out approximately 3 feet deep and 75 feet long. Chris Della Penna and a few Board of Supervisors have been out to view the damage. The road has been filled back in and tamped. There are a couple of concrete blocks as a temporary headwall.

2) Park Avenue –

The blacktop buckled near the East Fallowfield Township and Valley township line. Mr. Gathercole called a few blacktop guys and they are all swamped with work. It will have to be dug out and repaved. Cars are still able to drive on it, but must take their time. The damage is on our side of the township line and is East Fallowfield's responsibility. Mr. Gathercole estimated the cost of repairs to be \$1,600 for the blacktop work. We would have to pay for the blacktop and get the road ready for paving.

3) S. Caln Road –

Ed Porter said that S. Caln Road looks like it is washing out going down towards Caln Township. Tag Gathercole said the only thing we can do about this is put up big stones. Charles Kilgore asked if we had done anything about the washout at the intersection of S. Caln Road and West Chester Road. Mr. Gathercole said he will have to dig it up and put new base and top down. He said he can handle these repairs himself.

4) Oaklyn Road and Hephzibah Hill Road also washed out.

5) Mink Hollow Road –

Mink Hollow Road washed out near four the foot pipe. That repair will have to be done in one day because it is the only way in and out for those residents.

C. Liquid Fuel Fund –

Rosemary Moore stated that the balance in the Liquid fuels fund is \$223,500. Tag Gathercole estimated the Mortonville Road repair might be at least \$100,000 - \$150,000. Mink Hollow Road would be considered a critical repair and need to be done this year if we have money left over after the Mortonville Road repairs. If needed, the other road repairs could wait until next year.

D. Review of Security System –

DISCUSSION: Charles Kilgore reported that we have two out of three security cameras that work. The Board is going to work on getting a current security system up and running. Ed Porter suggested getting a monitor and recording system. Steve Herzog said that we should at least get the three cameras that we have running and possibly get a fourth camera. Had we had the security system running, we would have seen who hit the police car in the parking lot two times.

ACTION: The Board will hook up the current security cameras.

E. Unfinished Business –

1) Hats Off to Hero's –

DISCUSSION: Lisa Valaitis reported that Michael McClintock sited the reason for not having Hat's Off to Hero's this Memorial Day was because there was a lack of volunteers to organize the event. Steve Herzog commented that it is a shame not to have that event. Hopefully we can have this event next year if not this year. Tag Gathercole said that there may be an issue with getting volunteers for the day of the event

because many other townships/parks/groups are holding events on the same day. Ed Porter suggested Hat's Off to Hero's could be held on an alternative date such as July 4th or Labor Day.

ACTION: Lisa Valaitis will get in contact with Michael McClintock about holding Hat's Off to Hero's on an alternative date such as July 4th or Labor Day.

2) Recycling Authority –

DISCUSSION: Tag Gathercole informed the Board that at the last recycling meeting, he was nominated as the President of the Recycling Authority. He requested that a Board member attend the recycling meetings and vote for East Fallowfield Township. He said that Charles Kilgore was able to attend the meetings. Mr. Gathercole said, that as President of the Recycling Authority, he should not be voting. The composting site operations fall under the Recycling Authority. They also just got a grant for a \$250,000 leaf truck which will be shared with East Fallowfield, Coatesville, South Coatesville, Valley, and Modena.

ACTION: Charles Kilgore will attend the Recycling Authority meetings to represent the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors.

3) Composting Site –

DISCUSSION: Ed Porter asked Tag Gathercole if they are monitoring who is bringing brush to the composting site. Mr. Gathercole said that they keep a log of everyone who comes to the compost site. It should only be East Fallowfield Township, Coatesville, South Coatesville, Valley Township and Modena using the composting site. Most of the brush being brought to the composting site is coming from East Fallowfield Township.

MOTION: Joe Pomorski made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Steve Herzog seconded. Vote 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Valaitis
Township Secretary