TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

Members Present: Donald Anderson, Brian Greenia, Lee Sturtevant, James Paige and Mark Struhsacker

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, Mary Ann Wilson, Bill Moulton and Richard Keith

Guests: Jody Carriere, Lamoureux & Dickinson Project Engineer; Robert Merchant, Sidewalk STP WALK 4 (S) MPM; Bill Preis, AOT; David Pelletier, Urban Martin III, Scott Corse, Jim Palmer, Sonny Demars, Dennis Clancy and Giz & Sandy Gillen

Chair, Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the TEGU Building Conference Room.

GUESTS

MORRISTOWN WALK STP (4) S (Sidewalk Project):

Brooklyn Street Property Owners were invited to attend a "public concerns meeting" at the beginning of the first regular Selectboard meeting in September. *Jody Carriere,* Project Engineer from Lamoureux & Dickinson (L&D) gave a short presentation, showing a brief overview of the project. Visuals included a map of Brooklyn Street, with all properties, intersections etc. identified. L&D Engineers have been conducting a field survey to aid in determining the best location choice for the sidewalk. The intent of the meeting was to receive comments or questions from property owners along Brooklyn Street. Following is a list of concerns/questions/comments raised:

- Location of the sidewalk (east or west side of Brooklyn Street)
- Bridge Street intersection
- Railroad crossing to be treated as a driveway with curb-cuts
- Crosswalk locations and design
- On street parking
- Business properties – curb-cuts if located on west side of street
- 350 feet of sidewalk improvements/construction (for new sidewalk already in place)

Bill Moulton was in favor of the east side of the street for the project. This would require putting the sidewalk on the other side of the utility pole, relocation of the catch-basin, connect to the present sidewalk, remove the guard rails and placing back to the poles. He recommended re-striping the road to allow for five-foot sidewalk with granite curb and follow along to Harrel Street with a design to improve drainage by the Mill houses.

Brian Greenia raised the question of using a portion of the 350-foot segment along the north side of Bridge Street towards the bridge if the project was kept under budget. Bill Preis would look into the possibilities of this. (It was later determined that the project had to be kept within the defined perimeters.)

APPROVED

Urban Martin inquired if the project was expected to go beyond the state right of way. No, subject to easements at driveways and walkways.

Mark Struhsacker asked how moving the centerline over five feet would affect Palmer's and the other businesses. It was noted that the pavement width was excessive at present and it would not create any problems.

Bill Moulton stated that he did not like fencing as a barrier along the steep slope, as it created problems with snow removal. He would prefer to use guardrail materials to allow the snow to go underneath. Brian Greenia would like to see something with a better appearance than steel guardrails.

Giz & Sandy Gillen addressed the problems they have had in the past with storm water drainage. They are in hopes this will be corrected in conjunction with the project. Another concern of theirs, is motorists who pass on the right hand side of vehicles turning into Munchy's and drive on their lawn. Mr. Gillen feels that a curb on the east side of the street will help this situation. He also noted excessive speeds along that area.

The use of textured crosswalks across RT 100 was suggested. Bill Moulton listed possible problems that could occur when sidewalks are raised. Hot mix wears and the concrete does not, creating a bump.

The Public Concerns Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM with the Selectboard resuming their regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by Lee Sturtevant and a second by Jim Paige, the minutes of the August 20, 2001 Selectboard meeting were approved.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul McGinley gave a brief summary of the MPD activities, as reported by Chief Keith this past week. The MRS Ambulance is in need of extensive repairs. Bud Geary has received estimates of the cost of $3,101.68 for the necessary repairs. Paul informed the Board that he instructed Bud to arrange to have the work completed.

Brian Greenia asked to have further dialogue in regards to the charging/billing for ambulance services. Paul stated that this should happen soon, as it was budget planning time. It was decided that there needed to be a policy in force to address the people who do not have insurance coverage.

could foresee were any nights that both boards held meetings, but there would be two rooms available for meetings.

EXCESSIVE SPEEDS:

Jim Paige asked Richard Keith about the excessive speeds, mentioned earlier and how to correct this problem. *Richard* remarked "...more traffic coverage", which currently comes from grant money not the budget.

PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY:

Lee Sturtevant, cemetery liaison requested that any Cemetery correspondence be forwarded to Howard Morse, President of the Association.

MORRISVILLE FISH & GAME CLUB:

Dennis Clancy, a Hyde Park (Garfield) resident expressed his concerns of the F&G club being used for Military Shoots. The stated the noise from the machine guns was unbearable. He did not have a problem with the normal Fish & Game Events, just the Military Shoots. Hyde Park has a noise ordinance, but it did not pertain here as the noise comes from Morristown. *Brian Greenia* asked Paul to research this situation.

WARRANTS:

On a motion by Lee Sturtevant, seconded by Don Anderson, the Board voted to approve the warrants as listed on the Memorandum dated 09/04/01. (Included)

COPLEY FAIR:

Don Anderson reported that the American Legion in conjunction with the MPD would be fingerprinting children at the Copley Fair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Don Anderson moved to go into Executive Session on a Personnel matter at 7:45 PM. with Paul, Barb and Bill in attendance. Jim Paige seconded the motion. So passed.

On a motion by Don Anderson, seconded by Lee Sturtevant, the Board voted to go out of Executive Session at 8:05 PM.

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 09/4/01

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on September 4, 2001

General Fund:

Warrant #01-09– PR Related Invoices from pd 08/29/01	$ 3,790.49
Warrant #01-10 – AP Unpaid Invoices due 9/4/01	$ 18,018.72
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 08/25/01 Pd 8/29/01	$ 30,983.00
Manual Warrant – ML-2 – Manual checks for August 2001	$ 55,194.32

Other Funds:

Warrant #01-08 - Recreation Council	08/22/01 to 9/4/01	$ 38.94