

Vandling Borough Council Minutes Special Meeting ~ October 4, 2021

Council President Fran Pantzar called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present included John Mayers, Bill Matos, and Fran Pantzar. Also present were Mayor Joseph Brady, and Secretary Nancy Perri. Councilman Boyle, and Carachilo were absent.

Council met to review cost estimates to eliminated residential flooding from storm water on Peterlin Street between Ash & Oak Streets. Mr. Mayers stated that this is one of the more serious areas of concern as any amount of rain causes flooding. The Borough has an opportunity to address this matter with equipment in place.

Mr. Mayers further stated that a formal specification does not exist as additional costs would have to be incurred to have KBA prepare this information. Mr. Matos would like to know that the plan in place is going to work before approving it. Mr. Mayers replied that he is confident it will work as Mr. Stafursky has experience in these projects. Mr. Pantzar noted that if Mr. Matos doesn't think it will work there may be no point in moving forward at this time. Fran stated that the alternative is to wait until spring and to have a specification prepared. Mr. Matos said that issues include the speed bump being taken out, excessive rain received this year, and that it is level going through this area. Mr. Mayers replied that this is why the pitch needs to be changed. Mr. Pantzar noted that he believe it will improve the situation. It was further noted that one of the concerns is that we are going away from the bid process but the time element and having a contract in place are beneficial.

Mr. Mayers made a motion to move forward with the bid for this project including changing the pitch as outlined in Stafursky bid to correct this water problem. Mr. Pantzar seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 3-0 roll call vote with all in favor.

Council reviewed approval of a change order to extend paving on Peterlin Street for 259 LF. Mr. Mayers provided Council with a memo from Stafursky which outlined the changes to the project which evidenced that the pavement extension would still be within the original contract amount. Mr. Mayers stated that KBA agreed that this was a standard industry practice and he is not aware of any restrictions by the state. He would like to provide authorization to KBA to issue the change order.

Mr. Mayers made a motion to extend paving from current location to Pine Street. Mr. Pantzar stated that since the funds are available we should address this as it is a problem area as it could be years before the Borough has the funds to replace the rest of the Peterlin sewer system.

Bill Matos commented that the line should be extended for a clean-out from the existing manhole to reach the line. He also stated that the areas where the storm water is eroding the street should be addressed before paving. Mr. Pantzar noted that paving will improve the situation. Mr. Matos said that in the end this will not cost anything additional and the original contract amount will remain in place.

Mr. Mayers made a motion to authorize Stafursky to extend the blacktopping to Pine Street as outlined in the memo without any additional cost to the Borough. Mr. Matos seconded the motion. Motion carried on a roll call vote 3-0.

Mr. Pantzar stated that water issues on Ash Street needs to be discussed at a regular meeting and he will review options to present at next meeting. The pipe in the rear of Martines and Smith's houses must be repaired. It is not working and is causing major property damage. Mr. Pantzar said that an elevated curb needs to be installed. It was further noted that Council cannot vote on this issue tonight due to new laws that require items to be on an agenda published prior to the meeting.

Dave Karausky and Dan Martin presented additional photos and information on how the flooding is continuing and that mold is now becoming an issue.

KBA is supposed to give us suggestions to address these issues. Water is coming from Fell Township and it was stated that we may need to apply together for funds to address these issues. Mr. Karausky has videos of water coming from Richmondale. Mr. Martin reported that he has a 3' trench in the back of his property and it can't contain the water. Fran Pantzar told them that the Borough will continue to work on this issue until we can correct it.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion by Mr. Matos, second by Mr. Mayers.

Borough Secretary Nancy Perri prepared the minutes.

Nancy Perri

Signature

October 17, 2021

Date