

TCHARTIERS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 11, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

Allison Hollow Road Reconstruction Project

A. William Kiehl called the Special Meeting of Tuesday March 11, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Chartiers Township Volunteer Fire Department to discuss the proposed Allison Hollow Road Reconstruction Project.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Attending this evenings meeting were Supervisors Richard W. Metzler, John M. Marcischak and Mr. Kiehl. Additionally in attendance were Jodi L. Noble – Township Manager; James Horvath-Chief of Police and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary. Also present were representatives from the Engineering Firm of Lennon, Smith & Scouleret (Bob Firek and Shawn Wingrove) and Paul Myers Construction Manager from Morgan Excavating.

Mr. Ferik presented an overview of the project. Paul Myers- Project Manager from Morgan Excavating will be on site as well as a representative from Lennon, Smith. The Contractor is required to keep the roadway opened. During certain procedures we will have to close the roadway when stabilizing the hillside and construction of gabian baskets and widening the road in places. During construction of storm sewers and underdrains the contractor will try to keep the roadway opened. During the paving the roadway will be down to one lane. There will be delays. Residents living on the road will have access at all times. The project includes storm sewers and outlet protection, curbing and the removal of trees. The Gas Company is relocating their facilities to accommodate the storm system. PA American is presently working in the area putting in a new waterline system.

Mr. Wingrove advised that the work will begin at Pike Street and continue to Kings Road. The scope of the project is to widen the road. What we are going to do is to establish a consistent 22-ft. wide roadway to Kings Road. There will be re-grading and repaving. There will be new roadside improvements replacing all the signs; replacing old guiderail with new and adding additional guiderail. There will be storm sewers installed in approximately 4,000-ft. There will be transitions to all side roads: McGovern, Kings Arthur and West Country Barn Roads.

Mr. Marcischak asked Mrs. Noble to explain the cost of the project and how it is being paid?

Mrs. Noble advised that the lowest base bid for the project came at \$1,688,000.00 from where the PENNDOT work stopped to just shy of Kings Road. We have \$1,000,000 budgeted from Township's Act 13 Impact Fee Fund. The Township will be taking out a loan to pay for the balance and we will annually pay the debt service for that loan from Act 13 funds. The entire project fees are paid through the impact fees and not tax dollars.

Mr. Kiehl: The completion date for this project is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Range will rebuild the road from Kings Road to the Old Hickory Ridge Road and about 1,000 feet of Kings Road. The Township asked them to look into realigning McClane Farm Road.

The meeting was opened for comment and the following questions were asked:

Q. Is this absolutely necessary?

A. Yes, for the amount of traffic using the road.

Q. Are guiderails being installed all the way up Allison Hollow Road passed the townhouses?

A. Mr. Ferik advised that there are certain requirements to install guiderail. The guiderail itself is not meant to prevent an accident; it is just to slow traffic down and to guide you back into the road. It is meant to give. It is meant to break. He explained there are criteria you are required to look at. There are spaces now that don't have guiderail that will have guiderail. There are areas that have guiderail that will remain.

Mr. Ferik advised that the vertical humps are being taken out. The bends that are there – they are going to be maintained.

Q. Will there be lines painted?

A. Yes, there will be two yellow lines painted down the center. There will also be white lines painted along the sides.

Q. Will there be curbs?

A. There will be curbs on each side of the road.

Q. Will the residents be notified when the roads going to be closed, or, when it's going to be down one day?

A. Yes. The Contractor is required to notify all residents that live along the roadway and then beyond that I think the Township Manager is going to put out notifications as well for surrounding residents.

Q. Are there plans for storm drains?

A. We are up-sizing the storm system. Most pipes have been up-graded to 24-inch and 18-inch to accommodate a large volume of water.

Q. When will you start construction?

A. There will be a stake out next week. Then the tree contractor will be brought in to handle the trees. We will start down at this end and work our way through. When we start the storm pipe, the contractor will work between intersections.

Q. Will this affect our water and electric service?

A. The electric, no. The water service, when the water company put in new pipe and test the line and switch over they will have to disrupt service when they switch over. The residents will be notified when this occurs.

Q. What about the liability?

A. During the process of installation they are required to anything the clip, break, anything during construction has to be repaired or replaced.

Q. Why do I have to sign this right-of-way?

A. It is an easement, because if in the future they have to come in and maintain and get access to manholes. Clean out debris etc. It is an easement that the Township can maintain. Fifty years down the road we have to possibly replace the pipe we have the easement in order to go in and do that. That is a perpetual easement for years to come. The right-of-way must be recorded.

Q. What is the urgency of this? We are still having drilling going on and these big trucks are going up and down Allison Hollow Road. Won't this road be damaged as long as these trucks are going up and down the road?

A. The roads are being put into specifications to carry the load. We have an agreement with Range. They will not use the lower part of the road. They will be putting two wells: one off of Arthur and one off Kings and they will be coming from the top of that road from Old Hickory Ridge down to Kings and down to Arthur. That road will be replaced by them in coordination with our Engineers so it is specified the way we want it.

Q. What are the working hours?

A. Mr. Meyers responded that they will work 7 to 3, possibly until 5 p.m., five days a week. If there is a rain out during the week we may work on Saturday. No Sunday work or Holiday work.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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John M. Marcischak  
Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary

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