

## Street Committee Meeting - Minutes

Feb. 23, 2022

- 1) Call to Order
  - a) The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call
  - a) Members present were Joe Gargiulo, Chair, Kasha Griva, member, Sue Yenchko, member
  - b) Staff Present Jenn Erickson, Cindy Foster, Borough Manager
- 3) Approval of the Minutes from March 24, 2021
  - a) Motion by Kasha Griva to approve the minutes, Second by Sue Yenchko. Minutes approved unanimously
- 4) Public Comment
  - a) Robert Turner, 941 Walnut Street Lemoyne – spoke to the committee about the concern raised by Mr. Harry Noss, who lives at the corner of N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Walnut where tractor trailers have been directed, possibly by their GPS or errant information and then forced to make a left turn onto 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Walnut Street driving over the curb.
  - b) Mr. Michael Twigg, 247 Walnut Street, Lemoyne, PA – did not speak at length to the committee at this meeting, choosing instead to withhold comments for a later time.
  - c) Note: It was at this point that the meeting was halted due to issues surrounding the ability to meet in person. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Noss do not use remote meeting applications, yet it was these two gentlemen who raised the concerns that the committee was assembled to discuss. Since the committee could not meet in person these two gentlemen could not attend. Therefore, in deference to them, the meeting was suspended and set to reconvene on March 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in order to offer them an opportunity to attend in person.
- 5) March 23, 2022 at 6:40 p.m. this meeting was reconvened.
- 6) Members present were Joe Gargiulo, Kasha Griva and Sue Yenchko. Staff present included Mr. Cliff Karlsen, Maintenance Supervisor, Jenn Erickson
- 7) Public comment was reopened
  - a) Mr. Joe Miller, 307 Walnut Street, Lemoyne, PA spoke regarding the concerns he raised about traffic on Sycamore Street, as well as the problems which arise when large delivery trucks try to turn either left or right from Walnut Street onto Sycamore Street. The turn is just too narrow. He suggested that maybe a “Caution, Very Tight Turn” sign might help.
  - b) Mr. Mike Twigg, 247 Walnut Street, Lemoyne, PA spoke to the committee about his concerns regarding truck traffic on Sycamore Street and his thoughts about how the problem might be addressed. He

echoed concerns similar to those mentioned by Mr. Miller and although not in complete congruence with Mr. Miller regarding how this might be addressed, indicated that he agreed that some steps needed to be taken to try to alleviate the two-fold problem. He noted that both he and Mr. Miller have lost plantings, hedges and even a tree due to errant driving. He suggested a caution sign on Washington Terrace such as “No Truck Entry onto Sycamore”.

c) Both gentlemen answered questions from council members about the situation they are facing.

8) Old Business

a) There was no old business

9) New Business

a) Request regarding traffic at North Tenth Street and Walnut Streets. No one from the public was in attendance to address this item, so Mr. Gargiulo outlined for the committee what the concern was that had been raised

i) It seems that from time to time, tractor-trailer vehicles have been led eastward on Walnut Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street where they are then required to make a left turn. This turn is very difficult and dangerous and these vehicles must run over the newly installed curbs causing damage. It is believed that the problem lies in bad GPS directions, because it is thought that these vehicles are seeking South Tenth Street where there is a large depot.

(1) This concern was discussed and options were offered by both the public and committee members. The committee tasked Mr. Karlsen with researching some options regarding better signage so that trucks of this size are directed away from this area. The committee will meet at a later date to discuss what he has learned.

b) Request regarding traffic at Walnut and Sycamore Streets

i) This concern has been raised due to two issues. The first being the carelessness with which delivery trucks go up and down Sycamore Street either driving up from Walnut Street or driving down from Washington Terrace. Often private property is damaged and while all acknowledged the need to allow delivery trucks in that area, something should be done to ensure that they will be more careful of private property.

ii) The second concern is the occasionally excessive speed with which vehicles ascend Sycamore Street from Walnut to Washington Terrace.

iii) Additional signage was discussed as was the use of seasonal road bumps similar to those used on Cumberland Road near Negley Park.

iv) Mr. Karlsen was asked to check into costs for the installation of the temporary road bumps and for possible suggestions that would help delivery truck drivers be more careful while making them aware of the tight roadway conditions that exist on Sycamore Street.

10) The Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Joseph Gargiulo, Chair