

**Danville Borough Streets and Code Committee Agenda**  
**September 14, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order – J. Stigerwalt/B. Woodruff**

2. **Bloom/Walnut/Ferry Street upgrades – ARLE Grant - Woodruff**

The base bid is **\$53,543.10** over the current allocated budget amount. Any decision on the award was tabled until the next council meeting on 9/14. The overage is attributed to the Signal Supports (+/- \$25,000 overage), Mobilization (+/- \$19,530 overage), and Traffic Control (+/- \$9,200 overage). Our engineer investigated the drivers behind those overages in an attempt to bring the project within the available budget. The support overages are attributed to the increased price of steel and we don't really have any way of impacting that. The overages in the Traffic Control and Mobilization are tied to the nighttime work and lane closure restrictions that were put in place by PennDOT for the project. The question was posed to PennDOT that while those restrictions are meant to help keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently are there any alternatives that could be offered to help us reduce the cost.

PennDOT has offered the following in response...

"We have been seeing a significant increase in the cost of manufactured material over the last year, including traffic signal supports and I agree there's no way (to) change that. I also agree that the overage for Mobilization and Traffic Control are most likely due to the Department's requirement for the work to be restricted to nighttime. I understand the Borough's request to eliminate the nightwork to keep this project under the allotted amount, but it's not in the best interest of the traveling public to allow work during the day. As you are well aware, the SR 11 corridor through Danville is already heavily congested and adding lane closures especially at this intersection will have a significant negative impact to traffic. The Department's main concern if the night time work restriction is waived, is how it will impact emergency vehicles or anyone in need of emergency services heading to Geisinger given that Bloom Street is the main route coming from the west. Again, I understand where the Borough is coming from, but the Department's position is to keep the work restricted to nighttime to minimize the impact on traffic and anyone heading to Geisinger. Getting this signal replaced with new equipment that can help us out in the future is just another piece of the puzzle in alleviating congestion in Danville and I'd hate (to) see this project fall through."

***The committee should consider the information provided and consider allocating the additional funding needed in the 2022 budget.***

3. **Parking meters potentially located on private property - Stigerwalt**

The Borough staff has recently received correspondence from a property owner concerned that the location of parking meters may violate their Constitutional Rights. It was requested

that this issue be brought before council and resolved at the next council meeting. It has been suggested that the council do one of the following:

- removing the parking meters from their property
- compensate them for the use of their property
- incorporate the sidewalks into the street where property owners are relieved of maintenance/liability

Staff is currently working to determine if any parking meters are located on private property

***The committee should offer any comments on the above situation.***

4. **Fireworks - Woodruff**

Fireworks were discussed at a previous committee meeting on 8.1.21. It was decided to collect more information before making a decision to do any of the following options or any others to be considered – limit fireworks to certain holidays, or add fireworks to the current noise ordinance and only allow them during a designated time of day. The following information has been compiled.

Consumer Fireworks

- Riverside Borough – noise ordinance – prohibit fireworks between the hours of 10 pm and 9 am
- Town of Bloomsburg – noise ordinance – “impulsive sound as to cause a noise disturbance”
- Mahoning Township – waiting to see what happens with HB 1628 to revise the current code that applies only to display fireworks
- Lewisburg Borough - nothing
- Selinsgrove Borough - nothing
- Milton Borough - nothing
- Point Township - noise ordinance – quiet hours 10:00pm – 7:00 am, does not distinguish fireworks
- Northumberland Borough – nothing

***The committee should consider the additional information provided and direct staff moving forward.***

5. **Adjournment – J. Stigerwalt**