

FEBRUARY 20, 2008
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Council President Craig Newcomer, with the following in attendance:

Borough Council – Craig Newcomer, Jason Stains, Ronald Martin, C. Harold Mumma, Charles McCammon and Benjamin Greenawalt

Borough Staff – Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services

Others – Dennis Black, Bucky Zeger and Karen Strait (Dennis E. Black Engineering, Inc.)

Mr. Black presented the Potomac Street Stormwater Drainage Network Study. Mr. Black explained the basic concepts of a “2-year storm, 5-year storm”, i.e. a storm will occur an average of once every 2 years, 5 years and so on. He noted the Borough’s storm system developed over time and was not designed for specific storm events; and so is deficient in capacity. The study has exhibits that note deficiencies for 5, 10 and 2-year storms. He noted that is not as bad as it sounds, as most of these result in water ponding in the streets.

Mr. Black discussed the problem areas, excluding the outfall area. These areas have significant ponding and are Green and Potomac Streets, Second and Grant Streets; in addition, Potomac and Main Streets; and the final area is the Square. His firm looked at what could be done to improve the areas. He noted that the problems cannot be eliminated (as that would be extraordinarily expensive), but they could be improved. The study includes exhibits for these four areas. The improvements depend on the financial resources of the Borough. Mr. Newcomer stated that Council is very concerned and would like Mr. Black’s recommended solutions – and we will search for the funding. The outfall is a concern, and also the Green Street area. Mr. Hamberger explained some of the funding he has explored, including state and federal grants. He has contacted Senator Specter and Congressman Shuster’s offices, but these grants are “long shots”. Mr. Black noted that problems most likely will not be “fixed”, but we could decrease the frequency. Council noted this. Mr. Black noted this is not an uncommon problem in old communities. After a discussion, it was noted the study is a starting point. The Borough and Mr. Black need to review the study in-depth. and develop short-term and long-term goals and adopt appropriate strategies to address the situation. Most likely the outfall needs to be addressed first, as it receives all the water from the drainage basin.

It was noted if the four areas of major flooding were addressed, the capacity of the system will not be significantly addressed, however the frequency of the flooding will be decreased. The South Potomac Street bypass, however, will increase system capacity at a cost of over 3 million dollars. However, the outfall is the issue that needs to be addressed prior to major changes upstream. The outfall will not accommodate a 10-year storm. A discussion arose of the analysis of the outfall and some options for remediation. A critical design issue is the sanitary sewer that crosses the outfall on South Church Street and utilizes the current culvert box for support.

After additional discussion, Council directed Mr. Black to prepare a proposal to provide design and engineering services for the outfall project to be designed for a 25-year storm. He is to supply the proposal prior to a special meeting on Wednesday, February 26th, to be held at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd R. Hamberger, II
Borough Manager