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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2016

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair

*Members; Sam DeMarco, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk,
Paul Klein, Denise Ranalli-Russell, DeWitt Walton*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager, or designee
Stephen Shanley, Director, Department of Public Works

Mr. Pilarski was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Shanley was present from the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Barker and Mr Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Macey, Michael Finnerty, Cindy Kirk and DeWitt Walton

Members Absent: 5 - Sam DeMarco, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Paul Klein and Denise Ranalli-Russell

Members 1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[9588-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Public Works.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[9505-16](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain easement areas from four parcels required to stabilize slope supporting Campbell's Run Road at Highland Avenue, in Carnegie Borough (Project No. 6072-0902), and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Pilarski summarized its provisions, followed by Mr. Shanley, who explained the technical aspects of the project.

Mr. Pilarski noted that 17 parcels were initially involved in the project, but 13 of the property owners have reached agreements with the County for their respective easements.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Pilarski and Mr. Shanley noted that Campbell's Run Road was in the process of sliding, and described the consequences if it

is not remedied.

Mr. Finnerty noted that he is familiar with the portion of Campbell's Run Road that is under discussion.

Mr. Pilarski indicated that three of the four easements in question would be temporary, while the fourth would be permanent.

In response to a question from Ms. Kirk, Mr. Pilarski noted that the appraised value of the easements varied from roughly \$400 to about \$1200, but one property owner had a bad experience the last time the road was repaired, and he has indicated that he would require a significantly higher payment.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Pilarski summarized the prior discussion regarding the status of negotiations with these four property owners, and indicated that the County would use the power of eminent domain if necessary, due to the urgent need for the repairs.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Walton, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09.