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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Robert Palmosina, Denise Ranalli-Russell and DeWitt Walton, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Invited Guests:

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

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

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

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 3 - Robert Palmosina, DeWitt Walton and Bob Macey

Members Absent: 4 - Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein and Denise Ranalli-Russell

Members 1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[10553-18](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting of the Committee on Public Works.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10536-18](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain right-of-way and temporary construction easement areas from a parcel required to reconstruct Jacks Run Bridge No. 4 carrying Jacks Run Road over Jacks Run in Ross Township, 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. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that the bridge in question is in need of repair and is of significant importance to the community in which it is located. Mr. McKain noted that the County's efforts at reaching an amicable agreement to purchase the easements in question had not yet succeeded; the County had an appraisal and offered \$3,000 plus relocation of a fence and construction of an access ramp (a total of over \$23,000 in total compensation value), but the property owners had not yet agreed to terms.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Shanley noted that the bridge is classified as structurally deficient and that the County is continuing to attempt to negotiate, but the

bridge's condition gives rise to a timeliness issue regarding the project.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that the offer remains open and negotiations can take place even after the Council approves the ordinance (assuming that it does so). Mr. McKain summarized how the process would continue should the eminent domain seizure become necessary. Mr. Dillon noted that the fence relocation would have to take place regardless, due to the fence's proximity to the work area.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09.