

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
NOTES FROM THE JULY 6, 2021, WORKSHOP

D. GILLILAND: The Welsh/Orient slide project bids were opened June 15, 2021. This is for the drainage portion of the project. We have 2 grants for this project, CD which is Federal and the CITF which is casino monies through the County. The County is saying that we cannot mix the 2 grants, as I thought we could, because one uses county wage rates and 1 uses federal wage rates. They are looking into how we can work these two projects together, but we would have to re-bid the project.

C. LANG: COG is worried about re-bidding the project. Those bids that were opened are public record and that low company can now come in higher. Both Rob and Molly believe that we should just try to get the extras into the CITF grant and not rebid the project. Also, they are releasing the money for the soil studies soon as they have been approved for payment.

D. GILLILAND: that to has been a battle. Caroline and I have been going back and forth with a paperwork nightmare just to get them to pay for the soil studies. So, to get those released is a win. Also, you have to look at the cost of the items that we are using for this project. Although we do not have a definite answer right now, I do agree that rebidding the project may hurt us and we may end up paying more. I did get asbestos quotes for the State Blight Grant that we have 4 houses on, but I will work on the 2 houses on Wood. Next is the CD 47 project, we have had the design ready since February but are still waiting for TCVCOG to get the grant agreement. As mentioned above we did get a State Blight grant. This grant requires a 15% or \$5294.00 local match to use the \$30,000. You will need to make a motion on the asbestos testing as I recommend Council award the Asbestos Studies to Allegheny Global for \$2000. The Morningside Slide has been active for awhile now and we found that there is broken drainage pipes that is adding more water into this area. I propose that we address the problem by excavating, install filter fabric, repair broken sewer pipes, install underdrains, install 3 ft of #4 stone, install 8" of milled asphalt, and pave with a 2.5" binder and 1.5" wearing asphalt. The estimate cost of this work is \$42,000, this can be paid out of the sewer fund.

P. SHURGOT: were you informed about the addition slide at Western and Morningside?

D. GILLILAND: if council choose, we can include that with the same repairs. The total cost for both would be about \$60,000. It would definitely be more cost effective to do them together, but the issue would be getting people in and out as they would need to close the road during the work.

J. HARTZELL: there is a hole at the top of Station Street and Sprague, do you know who dug that?

D. GILLILAND: I do not but I will look at it on my way out of town and see what I can find out.

S. SHURGOT: I had Caroline call the state and they said they would be out to fill the pothole. Well, there is a pothole and there is a large patch where someone dug. There is also one up on Morningside.

G. JAKUB: have we heard anything about the park grant?

D. GILLILAND: we applied in 2020 for a GTRP grant, that was not approved. We then re-applied for the same project, and they are saying we should hear in September or October.

J. HARTZELL: the garbage contract is up the end of the year. Can we start working on it?

D. GILLILAND: it doesn't hurt to start early but let me know if you want to make any changes. Once we get everything together there just needs to be a motion from council.

S. SHURGOT: has anyone contacted you about the broken railing on the old viaduct steps?

D. GILLILAND: Ted had mentioned it to me, but I will discuss it further with him.

J. THOMAS: Teddy mentioned about some type of supports instead of trying to drill back into the sidewalk.

K. MAXWELL: I spoke to Mike Smith about it and he said he would drive over and look at it.