

Worman's Mill Civic Association meeting
Minutes for
January 16, 2013

1. Allan C. introduced Mayor McClement, Mark Stachowski city engineer, and Zack Kurshner, city planner

-Mayor Randy McClement's comments summarized:

City is in good shape. Recently refinanced bonds have maintained current or received higher ratings (AA+).

-New section of Gas House Pike nearly completed. Plans are complete for the rest.

-More planes are flying into airport and topping off fuel level, making money for the city, ever since control tower was finished-at no charge to the city. Next task is to extend the current runway, FAA would fund 95% (if they actually come up with the money) Rest paid for by city/county/state.

-Carroll Creek pedestrian mall extension will keep downtown vibrant. McKutcheons is planning multi-level building that will extend to the creek. Three million dollar federal grant requires matching amount in money or work value.

-City looking for partner (land/money) for downtown hotel/conference center. Two feasibility studies show positive need.

-City taxes went up. County taxes went down. Overall a slight savings (\$.04 per \$100.00)

-Once per week trash pick-up & twice per week recycling will save money due to tipping fees.

-Sewage treatment problems still need to be dealt with.

Marc Stachowski, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works Operations reviewed the duties and offices of the 160 city employees and 13 supervisors in facilities maintenance. These include the following:

-Maintenance of the city's 643 buildings,

-Department of Public Works buried infrastructure and three waste water treatments projects processing 61/2 million gallons of water daily

-Maintenance of 525 vehicles

-Trash and recycling pick-up w/ June inception of once per week trash pick-up in Worman's Mill. 40% of city already on this schedule.

-260 miles of roads to be maintained including sweeping

-18 heavy plows for snow removal. Mill Isl. Upgraded to 1st removal priority. No snow plowing unless 10-12" of snow.

-9,000 street lights, 72 traffic signaled intersections

-storm drains, swales, ponds, silt removal from Carroll Creek, leaf removal

Answers to CA members questions regarding city maintenance:

-Call to get schedule for street sweeping.

-Streets are not plowed after light snows-only salted. Hurts asphalt more than helps plus covering drains with snow causes flooded basements.

-Attempts at dealing w/ stagnant water & algae in Carroll Creek w/o using chemicals (kills fish) include planting water lilies to shade/cool creek, using pumps to chill water-

most of which is in pipes below the promenade for flood control, and trying a solar powered sonic cleaner.

-Bulk trash day may be reinstated but in a different format. A staffed packer truck brought to specific neighborhood on a certain day. This would eliminate the dumping and littering of tons of trash that has incurred great expense.

Zack Kershner, Deputy Director of Public Works, reviews all construction drawings to check specifications for regional transportation and storm water permitting. He discussed upcoming road projects for our area.

-Route 15 and Monocacy intersection has spent 15 years on approved list of planning board. State & city sharing cost. Only need \$90,000,000.00 more for full access to Christopher Crossing & to TJ.

-Motters Ave. bridge improvement at Rt 15. Bridge is beyond life expectancy. Will be widened to 6 lanes, 3 on each side. 4 lanes will remain open during construction.

-Rails with Trails project will follow Carroll Creek across Rt 26 to Mill Island, paralleling Walkersville Southern RR. Design to be completed in 6-9 months.

-At Rt 26 & Monocacy-one more left turn lane will be built to make 3 thru lanes into Market Square.

Upcoming projects

-Extend Mill Pond Rd. across Monocacy. Land belongs to Wormald Co.

Not an upcoming project

There are no plans for widening or increasing the number of lanes on Monocacy Blvd. across from CVS & new Walmart. These lanes are 10' wide-built to older standards.

Answers to questions regarding roads.

-As of now, there are no plans for an entrance to the Walmart property from 26. The state needs to see a regional benefit and no safety concerns before considering this. Walmart needs to explore the value of having this access and then pursue it with the state.

Wormald Co. does not have to build the extended Mill Pond Rd. Wormald needs to ask for approval for this, but cannot be forced to build.

Worman's Mill residents were encouraged to attend planning meetings.

Raffle for Madrones presented to winner.

Meeting ended at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dedra Salitrik, secretary