

Penndel Borough Council Organization  
Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2022

Judge Daniel Baranoski swore in Mayor Thomas Sodano, Jr. and newly elected council members Beverly Wolfe, John Stratz, Laura Germain and Louis Joseph Adams at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Sodano called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Sodano thanked his wife, Barbara. He said not only would none of this for him be possible without her, he wouldn't be the man he is today, and he appreciates her. He thanked all Penndel residents who came out, those who couldn't make it and those who supported him, voted for him and all those that didn't. He thanked everyone, regardless of whether they voted for him or any of the people up on the dais. They're all here for the people and that's why they were elected. His cubicle will always be open to everyone and he will keep his promise to listen to and advocate and he'll do his best for everyone. He said to paraphrase Bob Dole, the town's history is rich with political debate and deep divisions, but collectively they share a common goal for a better Penndel. They can no longer let political differences stand in the way of that common goal.

The mayor opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sodano said the roll call for the record, they have him, the new Mayor of Penndel, council persons who didn't run this past election, Barbara Heffelfinger, Joe Dudash and Gary Nickerson. The people who won their elections this time through are Louis Joe Adams, as he was on the ballot. His wife is ill with COVID, so he chose not to be here, he'll be joining via the telephone. Also, Laura Germain, John Stratz and Beverly Wolfe.

The mayor took a nomination for President of Council.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO NOMINATE BEVERLY WOLFE. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. Mayor Sodano said he forgot to mention that the borough engineer, Carol Schuehler was there as well as Police Chief Sean Perry and the former solicitor who may become the solicitor again and esteemed guest former Mayor Bob Winkler. A roll call vote was taken: John Stratz, yes, Laura Germain, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Joe Dudash, no, Joe Adams yes. Motion carried, 6-1.

The mayor took a nomination for Vice President of Council.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO NOMINATE HIMSELF. SECONDED BY LAURA GERMAIN. John Stratz said according to the Borough's Association, all nominations should take place before voting. Mayor Sodano said it was unclear when he read that paragraph so he will defer. He asked if there were any other nominations for vice president of borough council. MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO NOMINATE HIMSELF AS VICE PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY JOE DUDASH. Mayor Sodano said they will vote in order of nomination. A roll call vote was taken for Gary Nickerson. JOHN STRATZ, NO, LAURA GERMAIN, YES, BARBARA HEFFELFINGER, NO, BEVERLY WOLFE, YES, GARY NICKERSON, YES, JOE DUDASH, NO, JOE ADAMS, YES. Motion carried, 4 yes, 3 no.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

**Mike Smith, 127 DeHaven Ave.,** said he wants to get the minutes changed. He made a statement of the actual cost of the fence to date was \$22,000.00. That is actually not correct. It is \$19,386.70. He wants to make sure it's in them the right way. After he got done figuring

out how they bill, it was \$19,386.70. Beverly said they can't change the minutes because that's what he said but it's now corrected for these minutes.

Consideration of Appointments:

Beverly Wolfe said they do not need seconds on these nominations according to the PSAB webinar she took.

MOTION BY JOE DUDASH TO APPOINT BARBARA HEFFELFINGER AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT MARIE SEROTA AS BOROUGH COUNCIL SECRETARY/TREASURER. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT KAREN KONDRK AS ASSISTANT COUNCIL SECRETARY. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Beverly stated that the borough manager is pending the new contract and ratification that they have to do with him. Barbara said she thought his contract was until April. Beverly said that it expires on the 31st of December. Joe asked if it is yearly. Beverly said it is every time council seats.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT GEOFF THOMPSON AS BOROUGH MANAGER. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, no, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. Motion carried, 6-1.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPOINT HILL WALLACK AS BOROUGH SOLICITOR. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, no, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. Motion carried, 6-1.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO APPOINT VALUE ENGINEERING FOR BOROUGH ENGINEER. Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT VALUE ENGINEERING FOR BOROUGH SEWER ENGINEER. Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT BEE BERGVALL AS THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, no, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. Motion carried 6-1.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPOINT BROWN AND BROWN FOR INSURANCE BROKER. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPOINT AMANDA MIELUCH FOR VACANCY BOARD CHAIR. Beverly said she doesn't believe it's a conflict with any of the other boards she is serving on. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Beverly asked Marie if anyone's term had expired on the Zoning Hearing Board. Marie said Elizabeth Suarez and she would like to continue.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPOINT ELIZABETH SUAREZ TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, no, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, no, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. Motion carried 5-2.

Beverly asked Marie if anyone's term had expired on the Planning Commission. Joe Dudash said Kory is on it and would like to continue. Marie said her appointment is not up. She said Bud Murphy is up and she has not heard back from him. Tom Sodano said in December he had requested that council consider reinstating him onto that commission and there has been no action to date so that stands and he would be willing to take that position. Beverly asked if there were any nominations for the Planning Commission keeping the statement just made in mind. John asked if they could make a nomination and put a stipulation on if he wants to. Just because they haven't heard from Bud doesn't mean he's not still interested. Beverly said they can postpone this one. Ben Hauser said you can appoint Bud Murphy to the Planning Commission and whether Mr. Murphy would actually accept that appointment is a different matter. Beverly said they should postpone it. They don't have to fill all these tonight.

Beverly said they will postpone the Recreation Board as well.

Beverly asked Marie if anyone's term expired on the Long-Range Finance Committee. She said Mike Sodano and he would like to continue.

MOTION BY JOE DUDASH TO APPOINT MIKE SODANO TO THE LONG-RANGE FINANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Beverly said they will postpone the Revitalization Task Force because they have to get ahold of everyone.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT PENNONI AND ASSOCIATES AS THE BOROUGH PLANNER. Gary asked if they had one because he doesn't believe they currently do. Beverly said they do. Barbara said they are the only ones they ever had. Gary asked if they have a contract from them. Beverly said she hasn't seen anything. They haven't used Pennoni in a long time, but they need to get one. Barbara said they are the only planner they've ever had. Gary said it just seems odd to vote on them without having an estimate. Joe said he doesn't even know who they are. Beverly said they can postpone this one too and

contact them and see if they can get some kind of quotation. Gary said he didn't know they were soliciting for planners.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS AS THE ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPANY. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, no, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. Motion carried 6-1.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPOINT MARIE SEROTA AS THE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Beverly said they are going to postpone fire marshal and emergency management. Joe Dudash asked if Nick is moving out. Beverly said they have not been able to get in contact with him. Dave Cahill asked if the borough is without a fire marshal. Beverly said effectively, yes.

Beverly said they've never done it before, but they are supposed to vote on delegates at the Organization Meeting. There can be one or more, but there has to be a minimum of one. The mayor is separate. This is the annual one in Hershey in the spring. Borough code section 701.1 tells about the expenses, mileage and all that is to be reimbursed by the borough. John Stratz nominated himself. Joe Dudash nominated Barbara Heffelfinger and John Stratz nominated Beverly Wolfe. They will go in order of nomination.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO APPOINT HIMSELF AS PSAB ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY JOE DUDASH TO APPOINT BARBARA HEFFELFINGER AS PSAB ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE. Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Beverly Wolfe, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Adams, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Beverly said two delegates are good.

Beverly said they will postpone the borough website company.

Beverly said they will postpone the Building Code Board of Appeals because they need to form one. They have one confirmed application. She said if anybody is interested, see her or send her an email. Dave Cahill asked if they are to be from the borough. Beverly said it is preferred that they be from the borough. If they cannot get a board based out of the borough, then they can go outside but they have to show that they've really made an attempt. Dave said he originally heard that they were going to go for outside people. He asked how many members. Beverly said she believes three. Ben Hauser said they should all have experience in building construction that can include training or a license as an architect or an engineer. Beverly said they will postpone that one because they really don't have enough to build the board yet. It's one they've never had, and they need to create it. If anybody is interested, she will give them some details on it.



Consent Items

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2021 WORK SESSION AND THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021:

General Fund	\$27,750.37
Fire Tax Fund	\$ 29.27
Refuse Fund	\$ 37.81
Sewer Fund	\$29,360.08
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,122.39
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 3,371.61
Escrow Fund	\$ 3,533.20
Payroll Fund	\$ 2,730.36

Payroll

General Fund	\$29,214.53
Sewer Fund	\$ 5,651.04
Refuse Fund	\$ 941.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,807.35</b>

Escrow Fund Bills

Auto Zone:

Hill Wallack LLP \$ 40.00

Schoolhouse Court:

Hill Wallack, LLP \$1,807.20  
Value Engineering \$1,686.00

SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

**Reports:**

Police Chief's Report

Chief Perry read his report which is on file in the secretary's office.

Solicitor's Report

Ben Hauser said he wanted to call the council's attention for a piece of housekeeping with respect to the PSAB conference delegates. There was a nomination for Beverly Wolfe that was not entertained. He thinks the simplest way of addressing that is if John Stratz would be amenable to withdrawing that nomination in light of council's decision to go with two members to the PSAB conference. John said yes.

Gary asked Ben about the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Ben said it is his understanding that on the 19th of this month there will be a matter before the Zoning Hearing Board. There was a discussion that occurred in relation to it at the last meeting. His office is intending on attending. If council does not want them attending on the property located at 40 Bellevue, he can certainly take that into consideration. If he hears any kind of qualms about them preparing for that hearing he will certainly relay those, but the next thing would be to put it on the agenda for the next meeting for council on the 18<sup>th</sup> and they can formally authorize them to attend at that point. Beverly said she thinks it would be a mistake if they don't go.

Engineer's Report

Carol Schuehler read her report which is attached.

Carol said it's not on her report, but she wanted to do a quick update on the Memorial Park restroom CDBG project. They sent an early draft of bid documents over to the CDBG office in Bucks County for comment and they were quick. They turned them around already. She is working and addressing their comments. The architect says she's about done with the plans, so she anticipates at the January work session she'll bring that before council to request authorization for advertising.

Beverly asked Carol if anyone got with her about crack sealing. Carol said she got an estimate to have it done for one full day of crack sealing which she had forwarded to the borough manager. If they want to proceed with that, they should let her know and she can get on his schedule. She thinks it was just under \$8,000.00. Beverly said she just wanted to make sure it was not off the radar. Carol said the good news is that it is under the threshold for requiring bids and quotes so if they want to proceed based on that estimate with a reputable contractor, they are able to do that. Beverly asked if the restroom project was going to be done by Memorial Day. Carol said she believes that was in the original schedule. Gary asked how that will work out with the Wildcats because it's baseball season. Beverly said they will have to make sure that they coordinate that with them as soon as she gets more confirmed dates. They have to do a new agreement with them and will sit down and talk to Andrew.

Tom Sodano said he understands the early bird gets the worm type of idea on getting the bids in early and has been a proponent of being proactive in having a plan years in advance on what streets they will work on. But in the last month, gasoline prices have dropped a dime and if the White House is to be believed, crude oil prices will be going much lower in the next six months. Those are what drives the price of blacktop. As was discussed in the fall when those prices rose ridiculously high, blacktop got much more expensive and John Stratz talked about how much the patch had increased per load. He asked if it would be prudent at this point, rather than lock into a price that's high, to wait and see if in fact these promises come to fruition and the prices of blacktop drop. They could mill for the price of the micro finishing slurry type product. Carol said the reason you get a better cost early in the year is because the contractors are looking to fill up their schedule. An independent contractor would want to look forward and line up these jobs and keep their employees busy. As their schedules start to fill up, generally the prices start to go up because they're not as hungry for the work and that seems to her to be a stronger driver than the incidental cost of gasoline at that point in time or the associated cost of the asphalt. They could incorporate a price index for asphalt to make an adjustment if it comes down into the bid. She doesn't usually do that because usually asphalt prices go up and that doesn't help the borough. It puts them at a disadvantage, and she likes for council to be able to say here's what we're paying. They could incorporate the asphalt index into the bid if they have some reason to believe that things will go that well. That usually only comes into play with very large jobs but they could edit the bid documents to incorporate that if that's what the borough wants, but the problem is if they incorporate that and they award the bid at this level and it goes the opposite way of what he's thinking, it will be an additional charge to the borough so that should be weighed out. Tom said that might be a prudent way to look at it though one of the gentlemen that was here earlier and left, is actually in the paving business and mentioned to him that they ran trucks all last week. They did not shut down the asphalt plants this year because of the weather. They may want to make some considerations if it's an odd year. There might be some people out there interested in keeping busy at a fair price. Carol said that is private work and they can pave whenever they want. The state gives some leeway to when it's 40 degrees and rising but boroughs and townships and municipal governments that are using Liquid Fuels money are pretty well tied into the seasonal dates that are in the PennDOT 408 schedule. The asphalt plants are still working, and people have been getting some pavement down on private jobs. Tom said they were paving a road in Allentown. Carol said

occasionally, when there's been a release from PennDOT and she actually got one of those releases this year for the first time ever for a job that was delayed by another construction project, but the common window is that defined by the 408. They don't get a lot done outside that window as far as municipal work. As they go forward, if council wants, they can include a price index adjustment in the bids. But it could go either way.

#### Zoning/Code Enforcement Report

Beverly Wolfe could not interpret the report. She said she would go back to them and ask them for something a little easier to read.

Ben Hauser said he wanted to add to the solicitor's report. At the end of the last meeting in December there was an Executive Session. The subjects were basically litigation one of which was the matter just brought up by the council now and that will be formally authorized in the work session later this month. In attendance were the members of the old council, Mayor Winkler and Mr. Truelove.

Beverly said since Carol just talked about the motion for the bid documents, they should make it now.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF BIDS FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS. SECONDED BY LAURA GERMAIN. All ayes, motion carried.

#### New Business

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MID-CYCLE INVOICES:

Verizon invoice dated 12/14/21 in the amount of \$377.91 for wires transfer and licensee drop for installation of the speed signs  
Comcast invoice dated 12/1/21 in the of \$231.10 for internet and voice services at 37 W. Woodland Avenue  
Deer Park invoice dated 12/2/21 in the amount of \$57.05 for spring water  
GBA invoice dated 11/30/21 in the amount of \$169.59 for dental insurance installment  
Independence Blue Cross Invoice #211208275179 in the amount of \$5,821.18  
Comcast invoice dated 12/2/21 in the amount of \$189.50 for internet at 790 Neshaminy St.  
Comcast invoice dated 12/1/21 in the amount of \$518.18 for business voice edge service

SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2022-1 DISPOSITION OF RECORDS. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. Joe Adams asked what records were being disposed of. Marie told him it was in his package. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PATROLMAN MICHAEL MATECKI EFFECTIVE 12/21/21. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

#### Public Comment

**Gian Lo Piccolo**, asked Carol if she had any update on the lights at Hulmeville Ave. and Lincoln Highway. He asked if when they expand that intersection, are they going to do anything with the streetlights to make it a brighter intersection and are they redoing the lights there as

well. Carol said yes and she had been communicating with them months ago that they need to get any streetlights that they incorporate put onto the network that they have for the streetlights in the borough.

**Dave Cahill**, said he would like to know what's going on with the drug activity on Cynthia Ave. Will the chief let them know what's in store for investigations for 2022? Beverly said he knows if it's an active investigation he can't say anything. Dave said he hasn't heard that from him. Beverly said the chief can choose not to answer. Dave said to take Cynthia Ave. out of the equation. He said what about drug activity around the borough. He asked what the plans are for taking care of some of this drug activity that they have throughout the borough. John Stratz said he's against taking drugs personally. Dave asked John if he thinks it's funny what he's dealing with on his street. Two times in the 16 years that they have to put up with this crap and John thinks it's funny and wants to make a joke. Beverly said they are active investigations. Dave said he's not asking about an active investigation. He's asking about drug activity throughout the borough. Chief Perry said regarding the Cynthia Ave. address, he is not going to be discussing that tonight. Dave said there are two on Cynthia Ave. He said obviously he doesn't know because he's not looking at it. Chief Perry asked if it was reported to them. Dave said it was. Chief Perry said as far as the drug activity in town, which is a worldwide and nationwide problem, they take a proactive approach to that, and they make arrests for drugs often. He can hear them in all his reports. They are doing active and proactive approaches to drug activity in town. Dave said he doesn't see much activity on his street when it comes to the Police Department. The chief said they can only be in one place at one time, and they do travel down his street. The chief said he travels down his street often. Dave asked if he offered his ghost vehicle to his officers at nighttime so that they can watch what's going on. The chief said the vehicle he drives is more visible at nighttime than it is during the daytime because it's reflective so when lights hit it, it's even more obvious. Dave said so your other ones are less visible. Chief Perry said he's not saying they're less visible. He's saying that it is equally as visible at nighttime as the other ones are. Dave said he can't believe that he's the only resident from Cynthia Ave. that's been coming to the microphone complaining about the drug activity on the street. What baffles him more is that no other residents on the street know that there's two problem houses not one. And Linda Booterbaugh and ink head, or walking billboard, whatever you want to call him, is still there you know who I'm talking about the guy with the tattoos all over his head. Chief Perry said he is not addressing that at the meeting. Dave said there's a lot of neighbors that think he's gone. You have to understand. They're still there. It's not over. It's not even close to being over.

#### Council Members to be Heard

Joe Adams said he was sorry he could not be in attendance this evening. The pandemic has been going around and has been hitting it seems like every family but does appreciate the opportunity to still be able to serve alongside everyone. He is new and is looking forward to taking the opportunity to work alongside everyone to get things done and move things forward. He understands the seriousness of this role and he is humbled that the people elected him to this position. He is grateful to all those in attendance and that voted and supported him during this process, and he hopes to live up to their standards as much as he can. He knows that it's been awkward being over the phone and he wishes he could do this in person. He looks forward to the next meeting together. He asked if it were possible for the mayor to swear him in in person because he would like to experience that with Tom publicly even if it's just ceremonial. Beverly said she doesn't have a problem with that, and she doesn't think Tom will either. Tom said it would be an honor.



Joe Dudash asked Ben if Dave looked into the reoccurring problem at Schoolhouse Court with the parking in front of the fire hydrant and parking itself with the new truck and fire department. This black truck is sitting there every night. Ben said Mr. Truelove and his colleague Ms. Dombrowski are working with the developer right now with the options needed to ensure that that does not present a problem to the fire department. They might have some more info at the next meeting. This is one of the top things that they are trying to get this particular little thing solved. He doesn't think there is anyone here who had a part in it because things were done a number of years ago. Tom Sodano said their position on the parking on the street has nothing to do with the fact that it's a state statute that you cannot park in front of a fire hydrant. That has nothing to do with anything they do or don't do in there. It doesn't matter if that fire hydrant is on your private property, you cannot block the fire company's access to it, and they would have every right to enforce it. Ben said he appreciated his comments. The general tone of the comments he had received up until just 5 seconds ago was the general access to the private street that services the development. He will certainly convey the fire hydrant issue as another element that needs to be addressed. Tom said he thinks they've all seen the YouTube videos where if there's a vehicle in front of a fire hydrant and they need it, they're going through the windows. Beverly said they're looking into adding onto an ordinance giving Chief Perry the authority to start enforcing and hopefully they'll have that done by the next week. That and the no parking. Ben said there are a number of members of council who are very interested in this project. Joe Dudash said there are a couple firemen here. Beverly said they're probably getting really sick of hearing her ask about this. Ben said the comments are all coming from a good faith perspective in the interest of this town and that they're all going to try to make the most of the hand that they're dealt with. Beverly said It's not included in any of their ordinances. Ben said it's an option being explored. He cannot guarantee it would ultimately be the solution, but it is being explored and he'll have to leave it at that for now as they do with further research into the rather unique circumstances with this development.

Mayor Sodano read his report, which is attached.

Laura Germain thanked Beverly for being willing to be president again. She doesn't know how she does it, but she is glad that she accepted.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:42 P.M.  
SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

## Mayor's Report - 01/03/2022

I met with Mayor Winkler on multiple occasions to get information regarding my duties in my new position as Mayor of Penndel Borough. Mayor Winkler was gracious and informative, and I appreciate his time. Mayor Winkler, on behalf of the people of Penndel Borough, thank you for your help in preparing me to *Hit The Ground Running*.

I met with Cief Perry on multiple occasions to familiarize myself with the Penndel Police Department and to obtain the necessary clearances for the Mayor's roll with the Penndel Police Department. During those meetings I shared some comments from Borough residents. Chief Perry immediately responded with an enhanced program for the patrolling of residential streets. Thank you Chief.

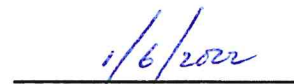
I spoke to multiple members of Penndel Borough Council to establish a repoir, again in preperation for my role in Penndel Borough government.

I attended the traditional New Electee tour of the Penndel Fire Company with Misters Schramm and Lowe. It was very informative and I look forward to efficiently carrying out any emergency role I might be called upon to perform.

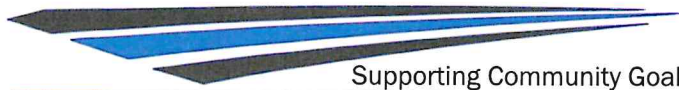
**Thank you Madam President**



Mayor



Date



## January 18, 2022 Engineers Report

Pennel Borough, Bucks County

### Pavement Repair and Preservation for 2022

Presentation.

We have prepared bid documents for base repairs on Oak and Holly, and to obtain unit prices for additional potholes or pavement repairs that may be evident next spring. We will request authorization to advertise at the next Council meeting.

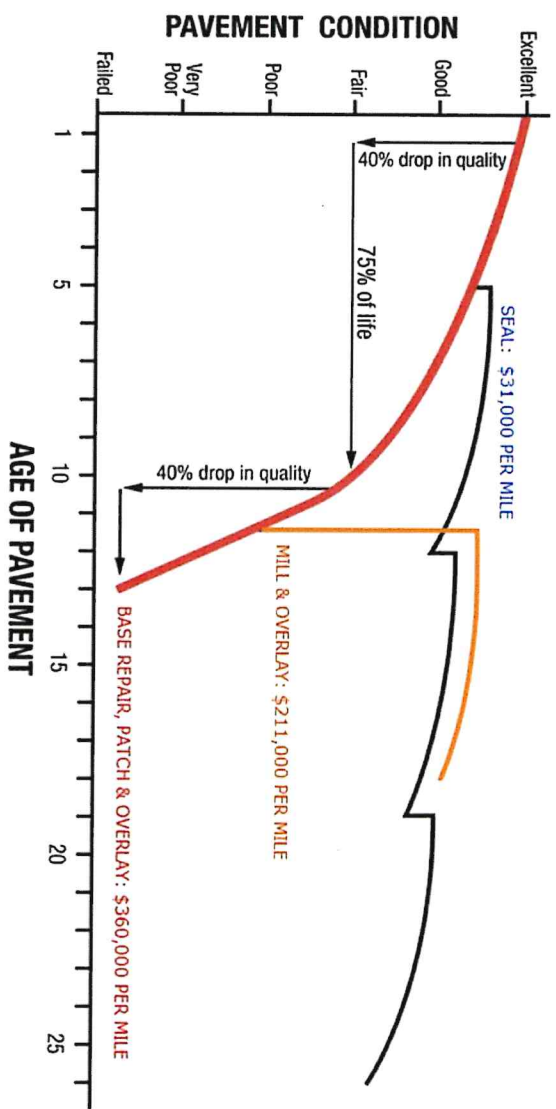
A quote was obtained for one full day of crack seal work from AMS. How much road is sealed depends on the severity of cracking, but it would likely be more than half a mile. The Borough maintains 5 miles of streets.

### Memorial Park Restrooms

The architect's plans and bid package are complete. Just today we received confirmation that there is no asbestos in the building, so not abatement will be required. If Council will authorize advertising the project for bid tonight, we will be on schedule to award the project in March and complete the work this spring.

# Pavement Management

## PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX



Modified from a Chart Prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers

Carol Schuehler, PE

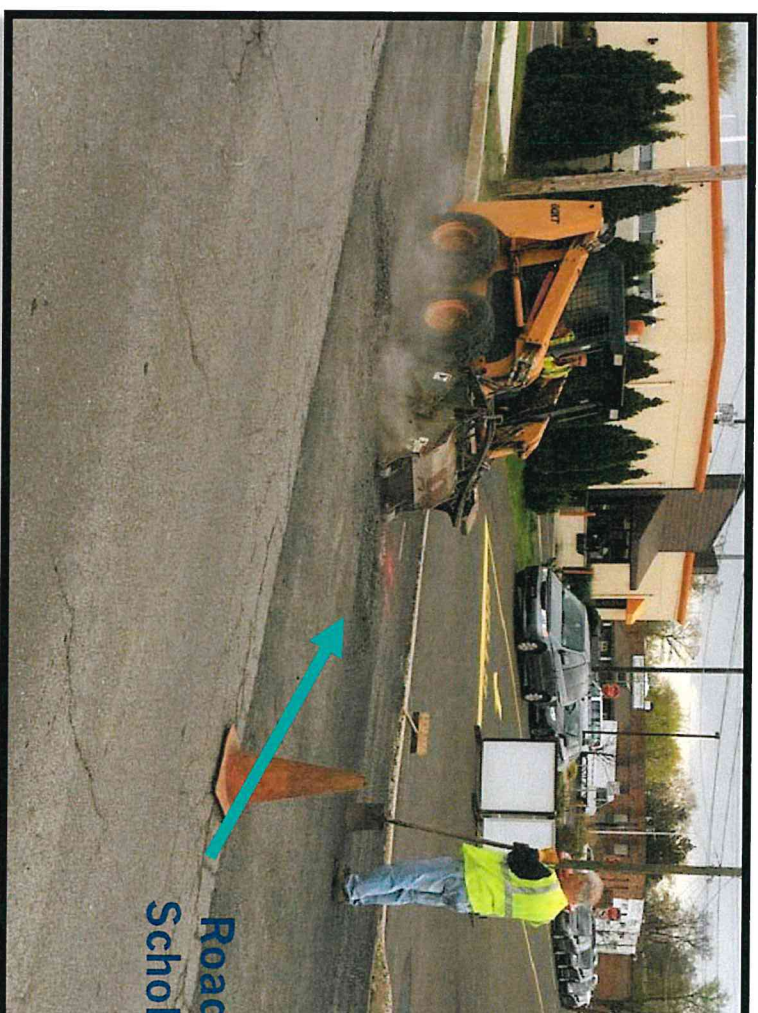
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# Background

To talk about  
maintaining  
and repairing  
roads, we  
first need to  
discuss the  
basic  
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of roads.

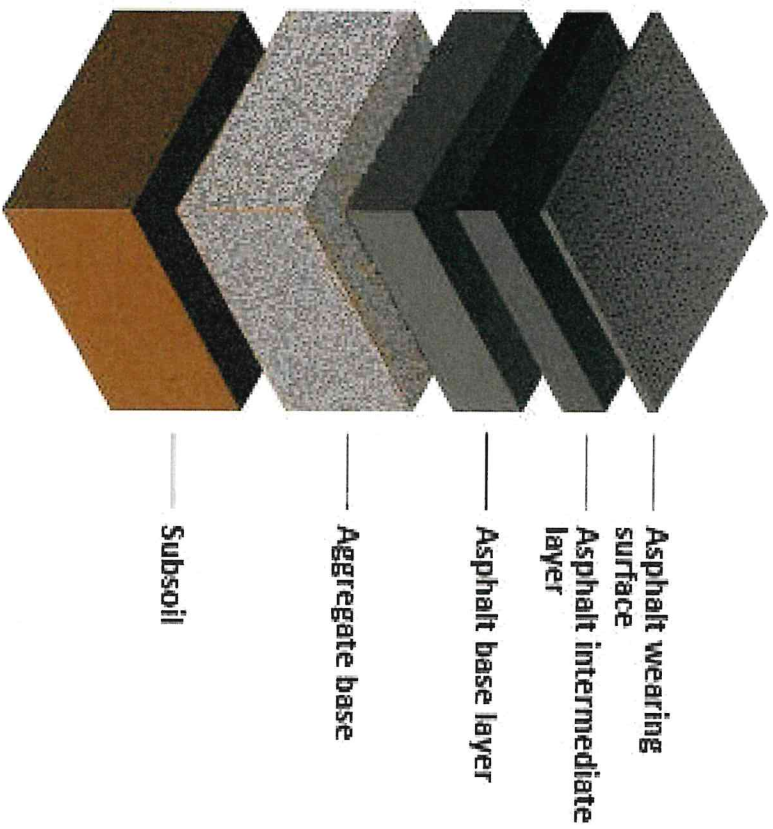


Roads  
Scholar



# Designed Pavement

Some local roads in Pennsylvania were properly constructed with a prepared **subbase, base and surface courses.**



If they have a good foundation, a road maintenance program can extend their service life for decades to come.

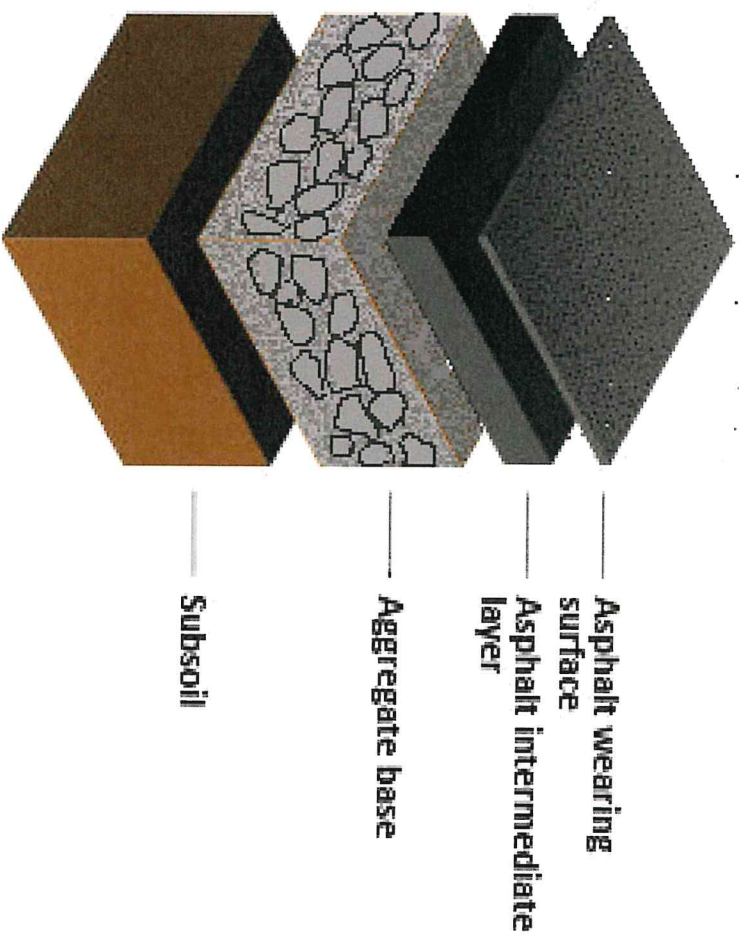
With age, these roads may show pavement distress from decades of loading and become more brittle due to oxidation





# Designed Pavement

Some local roads in Penn del were constructed with a Crushed Aggregate Base Course.

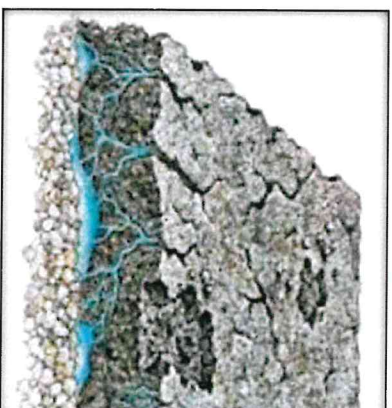


# Water and Pavement

- Ponded water
- Winter icing
- Hydroplaning



- Water penetration
- Pavement failure

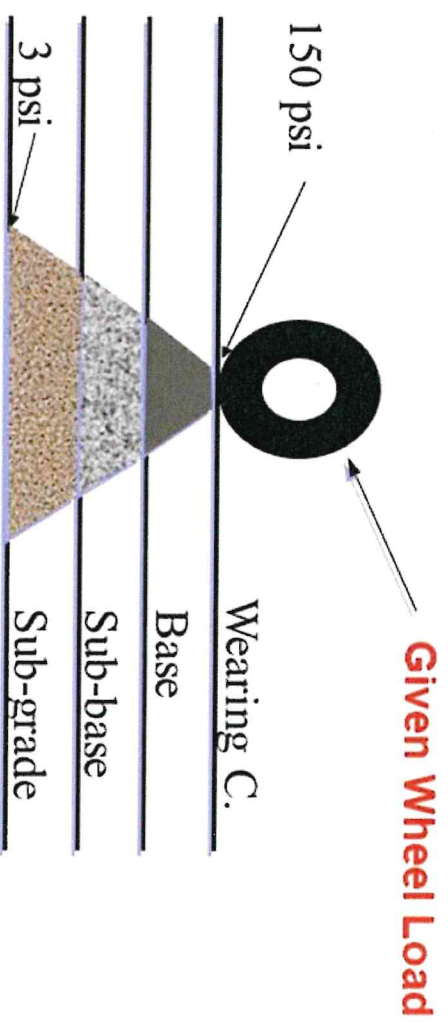




# Base Failure

Some types of soils loose their stability when moist from:

- Seasonal high water table
- Penetration of the pavement surface
- Poor drainage along the roadway edge



**Load Distribution in Flexible Pavements**

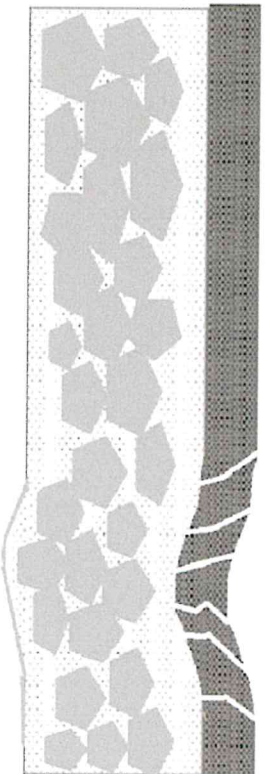
# Temporary Patches to Pavement



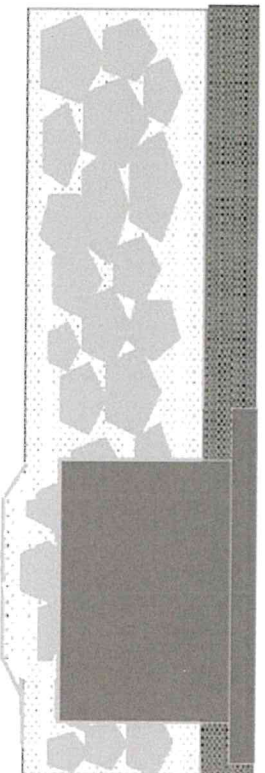
When pavement failure is the result of a subbase or base problem, simply putting another layer on the top is a short-term fix and ultimately a waste of resources, as the underlying failure will reflect through the pavement structure in 1-3 years.



# Pavement Base Repair



Base Failure



Base Repair



# Pavement Failures



**Raveling**



**Alligator Cracking**



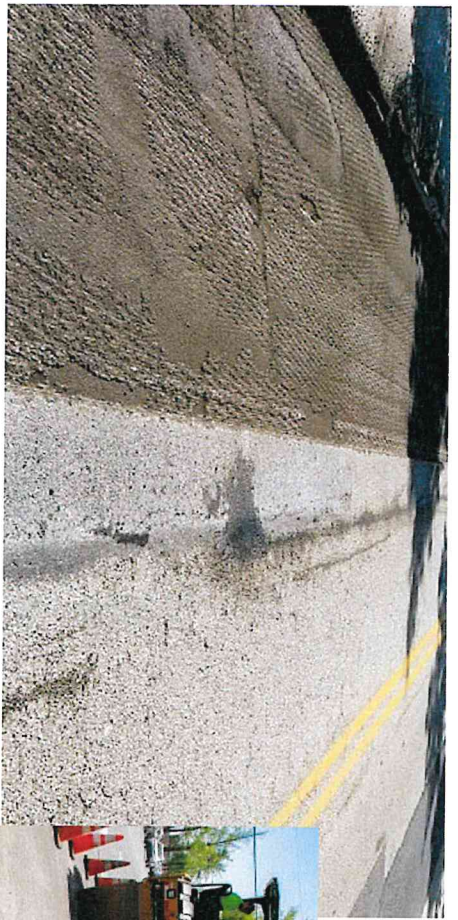
**Cracks**



**Base Failure**



# Resurfacing/Paving a Street





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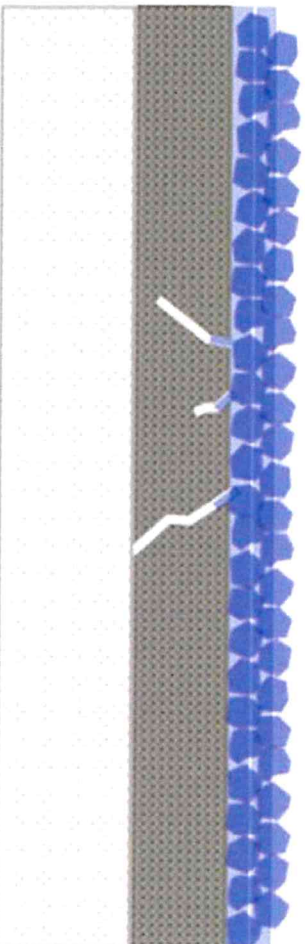


# Pavement Preservation





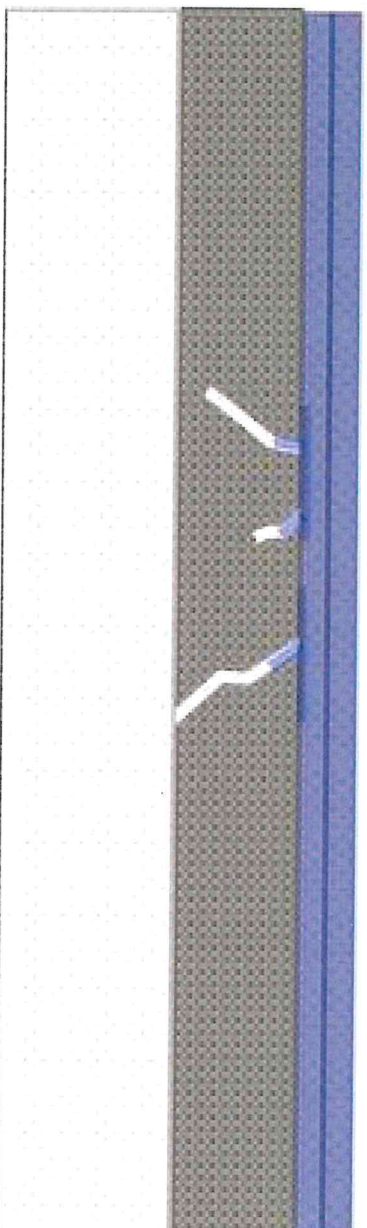
# Pavement Preservation Double Chip Seal



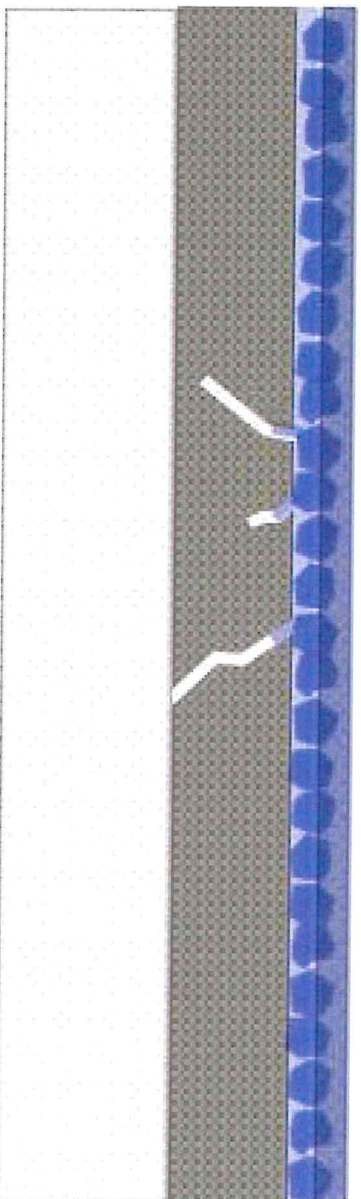
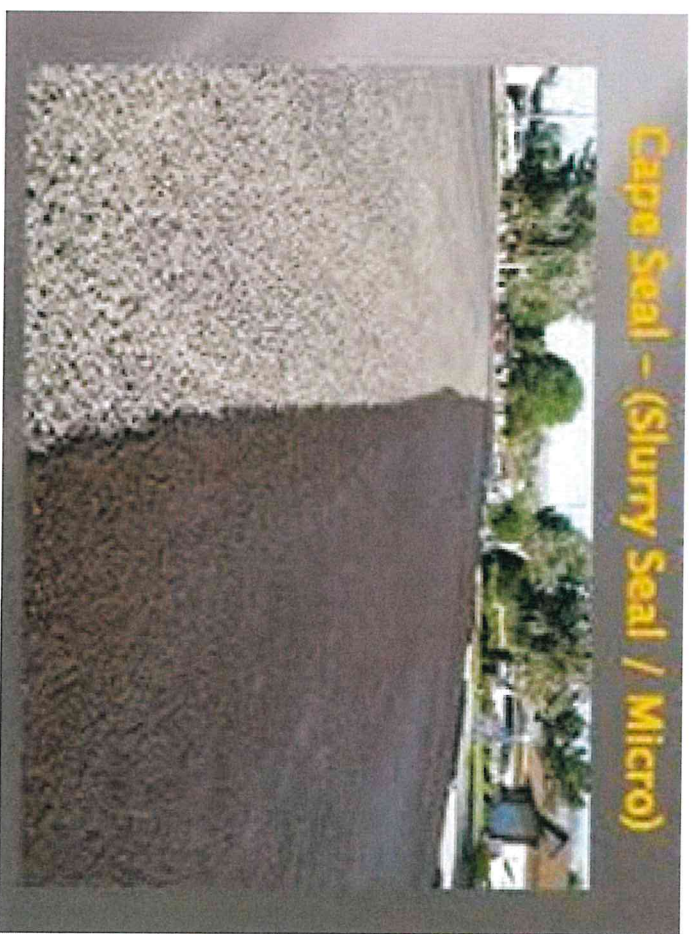




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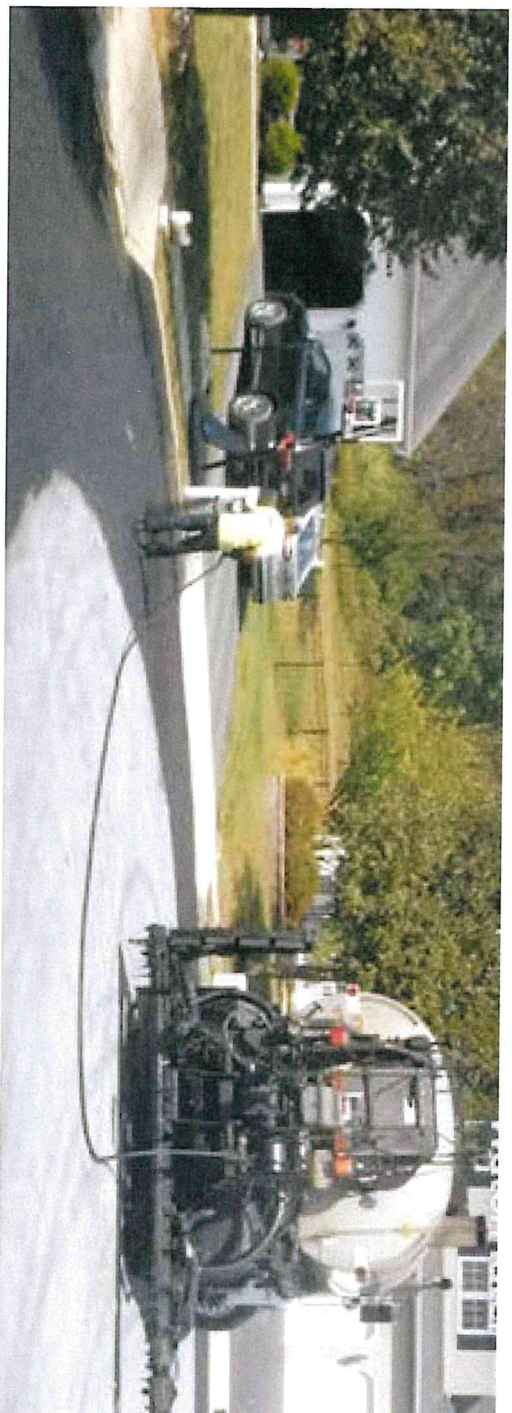
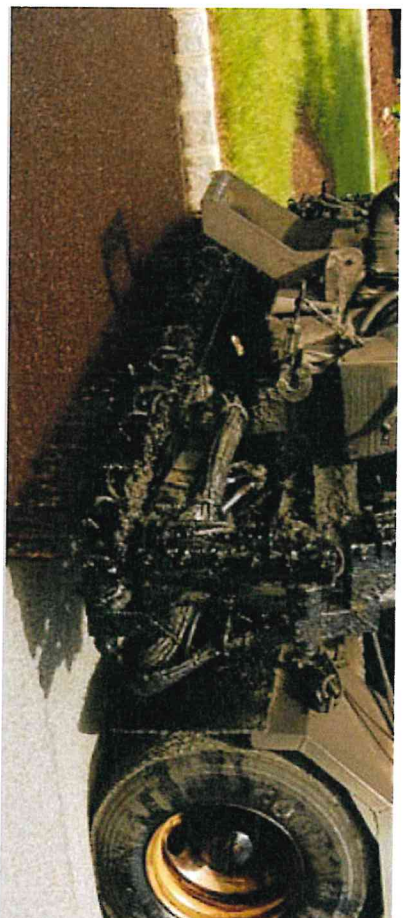


# Pavement Preservation Cape Seal





# Pavement Preservation Fog Seal





# Relative Costs

Road Name	Base Repairs	Mill and Pave*	2x Chip Seal Seal	Cape Seal	2x Chip Seal + Fog Seal
Oak	\$ 26,600	\$ 49,400	\$ 13,000	\$ 21,840	\$ 16,510
Holly	\$ 38,000	\$ 75,071	\$ 19,756	\$ 33,189	\$ 25,090
	\$ 64,600	\$ 124,471	\$ 32,756	\$ 55,029	\$ 41,600

\* Not including drainage, curb, sidewalk and ramps

# Pavement Options

## Mill and Pave

- Curbs
- Sidewalks
- Drainage
- ADA Ramps
- Still need Base Repair
- Long Term Stability

## Double Chip Seal

- Seals cracks
- Seals Road Surface
- Some Loose Stones
- Lighter color

## Chip Seal / Fog Seal

- Seals cracks
- Seals Road Surface
- Some Loose Stones until Fog Seal applied
- Dark color

## Cape Seal

- Seals cracks
- Seals Road Surface
- Similar Appearance to Pavement
- Increased longevity seal.



