

June 19, 2024

REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK
AND THE
ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION

RE: Request for the vacation of South Ruhr Street from Willow Street to Hill Street and Hill Street from South Saint Lucas Street to South Ruhr Street.

Requested by:
Elizabeth Rivera
Owner of 222 S Saint Lucas St

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City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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HISTORY OF THE STREET PROPOSED TO BE VACATED:

The subject portions of unopened South Ruhr and Hill Streets are in the 18th Ward and have a mapped Right of Way of 20.00' and was mapped by the Plan of Hamilton Park approved in May 1924 as a part of Salisbury Township and recorded in Map Book 2 Page 171. The subject streets were part of the Salisbury Township Street system annexed by the city of Allentown on January 20, 1930, by Ordinance 2556 Volume 13 Pg 77.

LOCATION AND CONDITION:

The subject portion of South Ruhr Street is an unopened street. Hill Street is an unopened street, PP&L and Verizon have facilities within its Right of Way.

POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

Charles Roca, Chief of Police has not replied.

Efrain Agosto, Fire Chief has no objection to the street vacation.

Dennis Weatherhold, Communications has not replied.

Michael Lichty, Stormwater Engineer has no objection to the street vacation.

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Yeimy Delgado, Traffic Superintendent has no objection to the street vacation.

POLLS UTILITIES:

Verizon Communications objects to the street vacation, existing facilities will require an easement.

PPL Electric Utilities objects to the street vacation, existing facilities will require an easement.

UGI Utilities, Inc. has no objection.

Lehigh County Authority, have no objection to the street vacation.

POLL ADJOINING OWNERS:

Karen Esbenser, owner of 214 S Saint Lucas St, has no objection (co-sponsored petition)

Rodney & Irene Reiss, owners of 2127 Fairview St, have no objection (co-sponsored petition)

Jason L & Andeal Esty, owners of 215 S 22nd St have no objection to the street vacation (co-sponsored petition).

Francisca Demarte & GM Suero, owners of 2135 Fairview St have not replied.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the subject portions of South Ruhr Street and Hill Street be vacated provided the adjoining owners provide easements for the existing utility facilities.

Very truly yours,

Mark Shahda
Public Works Director

Attachments

xc: Jennifer Gomez, Planning Director
John Gross, City Solicitor
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk
Mark Shahda, Public Works Director