



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 12th, 2017
7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Chairperson J. Conners called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson J. Conners, Councilor C. Whitney, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor C. Soltysiak, and Councilor K. McGlenn.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor M. Ashton Young
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Police Chief A. DiValentino and Public Works Foreman K. Riggins.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Reports

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted one of the part time personnel obtained their CDL therefore Public Works is looking to hire him full time. Also, Public Works Laborer, Mark Fregoni attended a training in Waco, Texas regarding maintenance on the Borough's street sweeper. The Public Works Department is eager about the training Mark attended and will be beginning a sweeper schedule within the coming weeks. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted that the Borough did receive a large snow storm in March using approximately 67 tons of salt and 1300 gallons of brine. Currently, Public Works has 1200 gallons of brine left and 108 tons of salt in Abington's yard.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that Pennoni has completed the 2017 CDBG application and will be submitting it in the near future. The survey has commenced and is almost completed for the 2016 CDBG grant. Engineer PA Small Water Grant. Today there was a mandatory municipal training session for the 2017 CDBG application. Engineer K. Hassan stated that he is working closely with Borough Manager G. Locke to prepare and submit the 2017 CBDG Grant which is due April 17th.

New Business

1. **2017 Proposed Paving Project** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Borough will be looking to pave the same roads they planned to pave in 2016; Rodman Avenue, Linda Vista Avenue and Washington Lane from York Road to Greenwood Avenue. Chairperson J. Conners did highlight that the Borough has approved to add Shoemaker Avenue between Cedar Street and Leedom Street as an alternate as well due to the road being in poor condition.

Chairperson J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Whitney, to move the motion to advertise the 2017 Paving Project, including Linda Vista Avenue, Rodman Avenue, Washington Lane and Shoemaker Avenue to full council. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **PA Small Water Grant Application: Sanitary Sewer Main Repair** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Borough was awarded \$150,000 for the PA Small Water Grant application which will be used to assist the Borough in repairing their sanitary sewer system specifically in the West Avenue and Runnymede Avenue drainage basins. The Borough Engineer and staff are not prioritizing the repairs. Chairperson J. Conners did want to note however that the Borough budgeted the full 15% match to the grant application funds applied for and would still like to spend the intended match amount.
3. **AQUA Water Main – Washington Lane & Township Line Road**– Chairperson J. Conners stated that AQUA is replacing the water main on Washington Lane between York Road and Greenwood Avenue. This work will continue in the coming weeks. The Township Line Road Water Main replacement has also begun but will continue until June 2017. The Borough's Engineer will be monitoring both replacements.
4. **PECO Gas Main Replacement Project** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough was informed that PECO will be replacing gas mains throughout town. The Borough did receive a list of roads that PECO will be installing gas mains on, however, the Borough will be working with PECO to provide a detailed schedule listing the dates and expected construction times on each phase. PECO has finished up Cloverly Avenue and Hillside Avenue will begin work on Linda Vista Avenue and Rodman Avenue next week.
5. **Runnymede Avenue / Walnut Street Traffic Light Repair** – Chairperson J. Conners informed the committee that at the end of April 2016 there was an accident at the intersection of Runnymede Avenue and Walnut Street where a car hit the traffic light pole causing the traffic light pole and the telephone pole to be knocked down. The Borough has since submitted the required insurance information to Cheryl Fazio of Joyce Insurance and the Borough has since received the approval of the claim to issue the work order to complete this job. The Borough has asked Pennoni Associates, specifically Engineer E. Armitage or Engineer M. Bickerton, to handle the completion of this project. Since then, the survey has been performed and the Borough has met with the property owner. The light will be installed within the coming weeks. The cost will cost up to \$70,000 which will be covered by the insurance of the driver who knocked it down.
6. **Future Replacement of Dump Truck 27** – Councilor J. Conners wanted the committee to know that the Borough will begin to consider replacing Truck 27. Truck 27 is starting to emit smoke and will begin to consider budgeting for a new truck in 2018. The Borough has spent \$10,000 in the past two years on this truck and continue to spend money to repair this truck, even though this truck is only 10 years old, it has several issues.

Old Business

1. **Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that this was signed at the March Council meeting. This agreement will save the Borough approximately \$30 per hour.
2. **2017 CDBG Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that Public Works Foreman K. Riggins and Director of Finance R. Ware attended the training class on March 8th. This training class is for the 2017 CDBG Application, which the Borough uses to update ADA compliant handicap ramps. Pennoni Associates have since put together the submittal for the 2017 CDBG project, and will be submitting that within the coming days.
3. **Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repairs** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that 8 emergencies discovered and 7 of them have been completed. The last repair is through an easement crossing private property and the Borough is coordinating with the property owner to have the repair

completed. To help accurately define the area of repair the Borough will be videotaping a run between Cedar Street & Walnut Street.

4. **Paving Estimates for Joint Roads Shared with Abington Township** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that Abington Township has approached the Borough to pave joint roads shared by Abington and the Borough in 2017. Rydal Road from York Road to Clement Road including both sides of the road is estimated at \$28,264. Rydal Road from Clement Road to Newbold Road (one side) is \$12,420. Washington Lane from Greenwood Avenue to York Road is estimated at \$26,992, which AQUA will be required to pay half of after the completion of the water main. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that PECO is looking to install a gas main down Rydal Road, which will reduce the cost in half due to PECO's contribution.
5. **ADA Compliance Ramps on York Road** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that PennDOT began replacing the non-compliant ADA handicap ramps on York Road. The non-compliant ramps will be replaced from Cheltenham Township to County Line Rd. They are currently working on the ramps at Township Line Road and Washington Lane.
6. **2016 Paving Project Concrete Repair** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that he is pleased with the progress that has been made so far with all the residents that have completed the work as there is only eight people who have not complied. The Borough has sent these property owners letters with a compliance date of July 2017 as to allow for spring weather.
7. **Dump Body for Truck 23** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the dump truck was delivered to the installation company for installation.
8. **Cheltenham Proposed Sanitary Sewer Construction - Update** – No new information, Last month, Chairperson J. Conners stated that the archeological study has been completed. The archeological study had to be completed before Cheltenham Township starts the Interceptor A line, which is where the Borough is responsible for part of the cost. Cheltenham plans to bid this project in April of this year.
9. **2016 CDBG Grant Accessible Curb Cut Ramps** – Councilor J. Conners highlighted that the Borough received funding in the amount of \$160,000. The Borough intends to complete 22 ramps with 10 alternate ramps for a total of 32 ramps. The Borough has executed the 2016 contract, had the survey completed and the design of the ramps have begun.
10. **Long Narrow Planters on York Road** – Chairperson J. Conners stated there are no new updates since last meeting. Last meeting Councilor C. Soltysiak asked that this item be placed on the agenda. President D. Pancoe would also like to see a natural road buffer on York Road to help with pedestrian safety. President D. Pancoe believes that this could be a natural barrier to help encourage pedestrians to use crosswalks instead of crossing mid street as well as allow for safety while walking along York Road. Engineer K. Hassan stated that he will begin preliminary procedures and speak with PennDOT about allowing these buffers along York Road as York Road is a state road.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson J. Conners, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.