



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
February 8th, 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, Councilor K. McGlonn, and Councilor A. MacHaffie
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Others present:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor M. Golden, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Public Comment: Randy Garbin, 99 Runnymede Avenue, wanted to thank Chairperson J. Conners for his efforts in attempting to correct the low hanging wire behind his house. Verizon sent out a contractor to clear the brush and correct the wire, however due to some unforeseen circumstances such as the truck breaking down the low hanging wire still have not been corrected. Chairperson J. Conners stated that he received an email that the correction would be completed by January 31st but will follow up.

Reports

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that he and Borough Manager G. Locke met with the County to discuss grant options for the Gateway Welcome Sign. A presentation will be held next Monday regarding the new design for the Welcome Sign.

Vice President R. Bunker asked Borough Manager G. Locke if he had received any updates regarding the Cheltenham EDU escrow requirements. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that there have been no decisions made yet by Cheltenham but will continue to follow up on the concerns Vice President R. Bunker had regarding this topic. Borough Manager G. Locke also informed Vice President R. Bunker that this item will be placed on the Administration & Finance agenda for further discussion.

New Business

1. **Residential Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Bid** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Borough bid their solid waste and recycling contract on PennBid with the deadline of January 25th. The Borough received four bids that are currently being reviewed by the Borough and the Borough's Solicitor. The Borough's extension of the contract ends on March 31st.

2. **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 is intending to add Shoemaker Avenue between Cedar Street and Leedom Street as an alternate as well due to the road being in poor condition.
3. **AQUA Water Main – Washington Lane & Township Line Road**– Chairperson J. Conners stated that AQUA is intending to replace the water main on Washington Lane between York Road and Greenwood Avenue. This work will be beginning within the coming weeks. Chairperson J. Conners also highlighted that the Borough just received notice that they will also be repairing a water main on Township Line Road between Washington Lane and Summit Avenue. Since this area is a state road, AQUA is currently waiting for a Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT. The Borough's Engineer will be monitoring both replacements.
4. **Waiver of Conflict – LED Procurement Project** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that this item was completed earlier in the evening during the special council meeting.

Old Business

1. **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. Currently PECO is on Cloverly Avenue and once Cloverly Avenue is completed they will be moving onto Rodman Avenue.
2. **PA Small Water Grant Application: Sanitary Sewer Main Repair** – No new information. Last month, Engineer K. Hassan stated that the Borough applied for the PA Small Water Grant to assist the Borough in repairing their sanitary sewer system specifically in the West Avenue and Runnymede Avenue drainage basins. The Borough applied for funds in the amount of \$381,517.81 with a Borough match of \$67,326.67 for a total of \$448,844.48. This grant is anticipated to be awarded in April 2017.
3. **Traffic Light Greenwood Avenue & Washington Lane** – No new updates. Last month, Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the light is working per approved PennDOT permit but not functioning effectively for current conditions and that the Borough is working with Abington, PennDOT and our traffic Engineer to resolve the issue. Last month, Borough Manager G. Locke noted that Mark Bickerton from Pennoni Associates completed a field observation for the traffic light concerns at Greenwood Avenue and Washington Lane. Mr. Bickerton did not see any issues with the timing of the light. Mr. Bickerton stated that he would also reach out to Abington Township, as most of the complaints on the light are filed through Abington Township.
4. **Runnymede Avenue / Walnut Street Traffic Light Repair** – No new information, Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough will be setting up a meeting with the property owner at that location. Last month, 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. The cost will cost up to \$70,000 which will be covered by the insurance of the driver who knocked it down. The Borough's Traffic Engineer has also found out that the legal right of way is two feet behind the sidewalk onto the neighboring grass.

5. **Concrete Repair (2016 Paving Project)** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that there is a spreadsheet in Dropbox illustrating the work that has been completed to date. Chairperson J. Conners stated that he is pleased with the progress that has been made so far with all of 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.
6. **Cheltenham Proposed Sanitary Sewer Construction - Update** – 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.
7. **Cheltenham Proposed Sanitary Sewer I&I Reduction Plan** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Department of Environmental Protection accepted Cheltenham’s Corrective Action Plan. This plan still has to be approved by Philadelphia. The CAP Plan includes videoing the sewer system and making the necessary repairs as needed. Borough Manager G. Locke will continue to update the Committee as information becomes available.
8. **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 will be executing the 2016 contract. The Borough also will be attending the meeting on February 23rd for the 2017 CDBG Grant application.
9. **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 Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.