



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
November 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 C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn Councilor M. Ashton Young, and Councilor K. Farrell.

Committee members absent: None.

- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, 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 that the Public Works Department has been attending LTAP Training sessions. The Public Works Department also completed paving on Newbold Road. Foreman K. Riggins highlighted that the Verizon Pole Removal is approximately half completed and has provided a report with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted the 2017 Paving Project punchlist has been completed. Also, a report has recently been completed to mitigate the flooding on the 100 Block of Cedar Street. Engineer K. Hassan has began researching grants to help provide funding for this works that will be completed. Additionally, Pennoni has completed a survey for the ponding on Florence Avenue and has provided a course of action to help alleviate the water.

Councilor K. McGlenn asked what would be the best time of year for these projects to be completed. Engineer K. Hassan noted that it would be during the spring and / or summer.

New Business

1. **2018 Paving project – Scope of project; Hillside Avenue (York to Walnut), Florence Avenue (West to Runnymede) Leedom Street (Hillside to Cloverly)–** Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Scope of project would be Hillside Avenue (York to Walnut), Florence Avenue (West to Runnymede) Leedom Street (Hillside to Cloverly). Chairperson J. Conners also noted that Aqua is to begin their Washington Lane project (second phase) in 2018 and PECO will be working on Rydal Road in 2018 as well.

2. **2016 CDBG Grant / 2017 CDBG Grant for handicap ramps (16 - 17 \$306K)** - Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that this project will take place after the 2017/2018 school year and includes the mid-block crossing on Florence Avenue. There will be an additional fourteen ramps added with the additional funding provided by Montgomery County.
3. **Replacement of Dump truck 27** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the F550 Dump truck has been ordered however the truck fit out will take approximately 10-12 weeks. Financing with First Lease a division of First Trust bank underway. Current interest rate 2.85%. The Borough is looking to receive the truck in January 2018.
4. **PA Small Water Grant – Sanitary Sewer Repairs York Road and East side of Borough. Work to begin mid November 2017**– Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the pre-construction meeting held with Contractor. Property owner notifications being issued by the contractor as well coordination with institutions such as the church, Library etc. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the streets will not be excavated.
5. **Florence Avenue Drainage Issue** – Chairperson J. Conners noted that residents voiced concerns of water ponding on Florence Avenue near West Avenue. The Public Works Department milled and repaved the low area and built a temporary curb. The Borough Engineer performed a survey and is preparing a plan for the Borough to consider for installation of drainage facilities. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there is no drainage on Florence Avenue between West and Hillside Avenues. The Borough would pipe across the street then down towards Hillside Avenue.
6. **Aqua Watermain Project on Washington Lane** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that this project was placed on hold until 2018 due to utility conflicts encountered in the field. The new design plans have been submitted for review and permitting. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the residents were notified of the work and then AQUA canceled the project 48 hours before it was to begin. AQUA now looking to begin in early 2018.
7. **PA Small Water Grant Application: Sanitary Sewer Main Repair** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Borough issued the intent to award during the September Council Meeting. Chairperson J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker to move the consideration to award the project to the responsible, responsive, lowest bidder: “National Water Main Cleaning Company” in the amount of \$146,997 to full Council. This work is scheduled to begin late 2017.
8. **100 Block of Cedar Street Flooding Issue** - Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the engineered study nearing completion. Engineer’s presentation earlier this evening.

Old Business

1. **100 Block Cedar Street – Flooding Issue** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Borough Engineer has completed their review and presented those findings to Council. There are still investigative measures being performed. Borough Administration and the Engineer are working to secure grant funding to finance the project. Chairperson J. Conners would like to have Engineer K. Hassan present the project during the Council meeting.
2. **Cheltenham Sanitary Sewer Construction Interceptor A Update** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted the work is underway. Engineer K. Hassan noted that Frank Ciufu has been attending the biweekly meetings.

3. **2017 Paving Project – Complete** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted the initial payment was made to General Asphalt and the second and final payment expected prior to 2018.
4. **Runnymede Ave / Walnut Street Pedestrian Lights** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the wiring deficiencies have been found as well as inadequate signage. This work was assigned to the lighting consortium (Abington Township) and the repairs and additional signage installation is underway.
5. **Upcoming Grant Opportunities – RCAP Greenwood Avenue/Washington Lane flooding (submitted), Green Light Go Traffic Light at Township Line Road/Washington Lane and TA Set-Aside (Former TAP grant) Streetscape Phase 2 York Road** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough was looking into the following grants; RCAP Greenwood Avenue/Washington Lane flooding, Green Light Go Traffic Light at Township Line Road/Washington Lane and TA Set-Aside (Former TAP grant) Streetscape Phase 2 York Road.
6. **West Avenue & Greenwood Avenue Concrete / Code Enforcement** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that there has been progress. West Avenue only has three (3) remaining properties and two (2) have been issued citations. All but one has been responsive and have indicated they will comply. Greenwood Avenue has two (2) remaining properties. One (1) has repaired the sidewalk but not curb and the other has sidewalk and curb to address.
7. **Long Planters on York Road** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted the Borough's Traffic Engineer is working on the application to PennDOT to install planters. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that PennDOT does not object to the planters. The Borough Engineer will design sketches and will before the committee to discuss.

Mayor E. Foley asked about the trees on the streetscape program as they need to be trimmed. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that an arborist appeared on site to review the trees and five trees need to be replaced as well as the Borough received quotes for trimming. There are twenty-seven trees that will be replaced and / or trimmed within the near future.

Adjournment: On motion of Councilor K. Farrell, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.