



## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**September 10, 2014**

**7:30 p.m.**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Chairperson J. Connors called the meeting to order.

#### **Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson J. Connors, Councilor C. Durkin, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor J. Mixon
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor M. Boutcher, Councilor C. Soltysiak
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Director T. Frank, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Engineer O. Hyne

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time

#### **Reports**

- **Public Works Director:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Director T. Frank wanted to highlight that Public Works have started the reconditioning of the light poles heading down York Road. They started at Cloverly Road and have completed the entire south bound side and are now on the north bound side of York Road. Public Works Director T. Frank stated that his crew is grinding the poles, applying a primer, and painting the poles black. Public Works is using the equipment in house for now, but once completed they will rent equipment and use it all at once to minimize the cost of the rented equipment. Public Works Director T. Frank also wanted to discuss the video inspection of the 8 inch pipe on Cedar Street for the storm issue. Public Works Director T. Frank received the video and the line is filled with decent size stone and other obstruction. The pipe has about 4 inches of sitting water. Public Works Director T. Frank said that they had a few concerns about jet cleaning the line because the line travels under 118 Walnut Street, which had previously been flooded out. Councilor J. Mixon asked about painting the police department. Public Works Director T. Frank responded now that they have painted the Council room and the lobby of the Borough hall they will be concentrating on the Police Department painting and cleaning. They using blues per the request of Sergeant Tucker. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that blues are great color for the Police Department as blues have a calming effect on people. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that jail cells and hallways should be different colors.
- **Engineer:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer O. Hyne discussed that they are waiting for rain to look inside the manhole at the flow for the Cedar Street to Walnut Street project. Engineer O. Hyne also discussed how they met with the resident at 112 Walnut Street regarding the pavers who created a mound in their back yard. The restoration to their back yard began, the Borough did give the landscapers money. Engineer O. Hyne will be putting together the recommendation to resolve this issue. Engineer O. Hyne stated that the ramp at Walnut Street and Mather Road has had the grading issue addressed which has been completed and Engineer O. Hyne has prepared a final payment certificate which will be forwarded

to the Borough soon. Engineer O. Hyne also stated that he is working on the I&I report which is due to Cheltenham on September 21<sup>st</sup> to which he expects to meet that deadline.

## **New Business**

- 1. Public Works Yard Wall Repair** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that the wall in the parking lot is slowly leaning into the yard and needs addressed immediately. Chairperson J. Conners stated that an engineer did come out and look at the wall and will be sitting with his structural engineer and come up with three scenarios that the Borough can use keeping the budget in mind. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that Pennoni Associates is coming in as well to observe the wall, and to design a structural plan for the repair. He affirmed that they have been actively receiving bids and will be continuing to look at prices. Borough Manager G. Locke said that the condition of the wall could not be seen until the yard was cleaned. Chairperson J. Conners assured the committee that they will be kept posted on the status of the wall as they get farther into the process of getting it fixed.
- 2. Liquid Fuels/Loan Paving Project** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that Borough Manager G. Locke along with Director of Public Works T. Frank have sat with a representative from TD Bank about borrowing money to pave roads throughout the Borough. Chairperson J. Conners declared that Borough Manager G. Locke wants to pave about 1.9 miles in Jenkintown Borough which would be about a \$400,000 loan paid over 10 years through the liquid fuel money the Borough receives equating to be about \$50,000 a year. Chairperson J. Conners wanted to make it known that it is only something being discussed and he wanted to bring it to the committee's attention. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to add that currently being considered under this scenario would be Runnymede Avenue, Cheltona Avenue, Hillside Avenue, West Avenue, Summit Avenue and Elm Street due to their deteriorating condition. Borough Manager G. Locke confirmed he would bring a map to the next committee meeting to outline where exactly they would pave. Borough Manager G. Locke also stated they will meet with the DOT representative as well as the Borough's legal representatives to get input. Mayor E. Foley asked if we are "borrowing money to take of all the fives or the fours and fives" Borough Manager G. Locke responded that it will be all of the fives and the majority of the fours. It was then asked how long until the threes graduate and become fours. Borough Manager G. Locke replied that if it works out between what they did the last three years and the PECO Project, hopefully an impressive map can be shown of what has been paved up to date. As for the threes they would become the new fives because you do not wait until they become fives to pave. Borough Manager G. Locke also stated that they would continue the small paving projects each year as well as this big project.
- 3. Base Repairs to Areas Damaged During Last Winter's Weather** - Chairperson J. Conners started discussing the base repairs that are going to be done to certain streets, Vernon Road, Hillside Avenue, Cheltona Avenue, and Summit Avenue, due to last winter's weather with money left over from the paving project. Borough Manager G. Locke confirmed the Borough allocated \$120,000 towards paving this year and right now it looks like we are going to spend under \$80,000 this year. Borough Manager G. Locke said the plan was to take care of the streets that are bad and probably will not make it through next winter. Borough Manager G. Locke stated Public Works is coordinating with the contractor who had repaired Vernon Road. The contractor was about \$3,000 and the Borough also paid for the paving material and provided two Borough laborers. The total cost was around \$5,000.

## **Old Business**

- 1. 2014 Paving Project Update/Completion** - Engineer O. Hyne explained that they are finishing up with some numbers, and cleaning up. Engineer O. Hyne stated that he is working on getting a change order to the contractor now and it is looking at being a \$10,000 credit to the project. The reason why we are under budget is because we predicted that the base under West Avenue would need to be repaired and it did not. Councilor K. Farrell wanted to thank everyone involved for getting the project done before school started. Director of Public Works T. Frank wanted to

add that they replaced all the signs so now all the signs are compliant and up to date as well as the school signs and the school speed limit lights.

- 2. Peco Gas Main/Paving Project** - Chairperson J. Conners reminded the committee that PECO was scheduled to come through in October and replace some gas mains along Greenwood Ave. Chairperson J. Conners recalled that PECO would come in, replace the piping and pave half the street and we were going to pay them to pave the other half of the street. Chairperson J. Conners stated that currently they are unsure if PECO will be coming in still in October, they may be waiting until next year when they come through doing the Borough's electric. Chairperson J. Conners reminded the committee that it is something they still plan, and want to do, but are waiting to hear from PECO on when. Councilor C. Durkin wanted to know if we can get a commitment from them in writing that they will come back. Borough Manager G. Locke stated they have offered three different scenarios but as soon as one is decided on they will put it in writing.
- 3. Planning of PW Equipment Purchase** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that they are considering purchasing a roller, but are waiting for one at the right price to come along. Chairperson J. Conners confirmed that he just wanted to keep this on the agenda to remind everyone that they are looking at purchasing more Public Works equipment for the men of Public Works. It helps them get their job done more efficiently and overall will help save money in the long run. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to add that what we have left over from paving and we may buy an item. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to mention that himself Jim Riggins, Councilor J. Conners and Director of Public Works T. Frank will be attending to a convention of the Township Supervisors on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Public Works Equipment will be displayed at the convention that will be held in East Norriton.
- 4. Waste Disposal Planning 2015 Update** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that a bid did go out. This bid was for the consortium of 24 communities and we will be kept informed. Borough Manager G. Locke does not know the date in which it has to come back by but he does know that they would like this in place by the end of the year. Montgomery County said they will work with the Borough to put a waste disposal in place without creating a time limit on the Borough. Borough Manager G. Locke stated they are expecting it to be \$10 a ton less than it is now.
- 5. Dog Barking Ordinance** - Councilor C. Durkin wanted to bring up the dog barking ordinance. Councilor C. Durkin feels as though that Council has attempted to do something but it seems as though most people are in favor of the old ordinance that we should keep in the way it is. Mayor E. Foley encouraged Police Chief A. DiValentino if he start getting more issues that are harder to enforce about the dog barking ordinance to come to the Board and they will take another look at the ordinance. Councilor C. Durkin recommended cleaning up the language of at least 30 minutes but not more than an hour. Councilor C. Durkin stated that it does not make sense. Borough Manager stated they are working with the planning commission from the county and one of the things that was discussed was that the Borough spent \$12,000 changing words and lines in the zoning code, 10 changes for \$12,000 last year. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough is now looking to do a full review of the code to adjust any language that needs to be at one time.

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

