

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE January 7, 2015 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 K. Farrell, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor J. Mixon
- Committee members absent: Councilor C. Durkin, and Councilor C. Soltysiak
- **Others present**: Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Director T. Frank, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Engineer M. Eishold

### Public Comment:

### Reports

- **Public Works Director**: A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Director T. Frank wanted to highlight they did receive the milling head and that the Yard Wall Repairs will be happening shortly. Also the business district cleaning has started on Monday and seems to be working well and is helping improve the overall appearance.
- Engineer: A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer M. Eishold stated that they do have a meeting set up with Remington, Vernick and Beach Engineers to move forward with the open projects that they have started. They also did meet with the DEP before Christmas to discuss some EDU issues, allocations, and I&I programs that needed to be filed by the Borough. Also the wall was inspected and test toll were completed to start the process of fixing the existing Public Works Yard Wall.

### **New Business**

- 1. Public Works Yard Wall Repair Chairperson J. Conners stated that Borough Manager G. Locke sent out an email that the Public Works Yard Wall was indeed failing and three quotes have been received to construct a new Public Works Yard Wall. Borough Manager G. Locke went with the lowest quote from Siravo and the work will be starting on Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. 2015 Paving Project Chairperson J. Conners discussed that PECO will be coming back in Monday January 12<sup>th</sup> and will be continuing the gas main work that they started in November of last year. We are currently working with PECO to get the road fully paved instead of only the half that PECO is working on. The Borough is unsure if they will be using PECO's contractor to pave the roads or the Borough's contractor. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he would like to notify the homeowners of the 2015 Road Paving Project to give the homeowners time to modify and fix your curb and sidewalk. The Borough would like to send letters out as soon as possible to

allow enough time for the Borough to not only go out and mark what is wrong but allow the homeowner time to fix the sections that are not up to code.

**3. 8 Year Paving Plan -** Chairperson J. Conners mentioned that Borough Manager G. Locke put together an 8 year paving plan that is a comparison of all the streets inside Jenkintown Borough. These streets are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the worst streets in the Borough. The Borough will start paving the roads listed as a category 5's and over 8 years work all the way down to the roads listed as a category 1's. These paving projects will be paved through liquid fuels and loans.

#### **Old Business**

- Liquid Fuels/Loan Paving Project Councilor J. Conners stated that we did send out proposals to receive quotes from three different banks for a street paving project loan. The Borough is now in the process of making a decision on which loan to choose and allowing Bond Council to look at it once the Borough decided which bank they want to receive the loan from. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that TD Bank has been the lowest quote so far but he will be meeting with Republic Bank on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. PECO Gas/Electric Paving Project Borough Manager G. Locke stated that Engineer M. Eishold would but the bid specs together and they would like to put the bid out in early February. The Borough can always pull the bid and are not locked in to doing the project but the earlier the bid goes out the better the price for the bid.
- 3. PECO Gas Main Project Councilor J. Conners discussed that PECO was in on January 6<sup>th</sup> and are going to continue with the gas main project. PECO is hoping to start on January 12<sup>th</sup> and work on Cedar Street, Maple Street, Greenwood Avenue, as well as others. Councilor J. Conners wanted to make the note that the gas main project will only be affecting the businesses for a short period of time. They will be working on York Road at night and are expected to get done York Road in about a week.
- 4. AQUA Water Main Project Councilor J. Conners stated that Aqua is still scheduled to perform work in January after PECO has completed their work. AQUA will also be working at night down West Avenue and Leedom Street. AQUA is going to work with the residents on allowing them to go down the streets. Once out of the business district they will be working during the day.
- 5. Solid Waste Disposal Update Councilor J. Conners confirmed that the Borough does have a one month contract that may turn into a two month contract for the same price are paying currently with Republic Services which we signed on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Solid Waste Disposal did go out for bid and is due on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Upper Dublin's bids have gone out and they have received their bids to which we were listed as an alternate. Two companies had bid on Upper Dublin's bid, Republic at \$58/ton which is approximately \$8 cheaper than what we are currently paying. The second bidder came in at \$42/ton but the Borough would have to pay \$30/ton to send it to them.

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