



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**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, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Committee members absent:** None at this time.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

**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 Public Works Department has put together an inventory list of Parking Meters in preparation to upcoming project where we will be changing tariffs in the Borough.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan wanted to update the Committee on the Cedar to Walnut Storm water Project. Engineer K. Hassan noted that they have talked to the DCED for possible grant funding to help offset the cost of the project. Engineer K. Hassan also noted that the project to address the drainage issue on Florence Avenue will commence tomorrow, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

1. **2018 Paving Project** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the sidewalk / curb deficiencies marked out on Hillside Avenue, from Walnut Street to Elm Avenue, Leedom Street from Hillside Avenue to Cloverly Avenue and Florence Avenue from Runnymede Avenue to West Avenue. The Borough also included Shoemaker Avenues compliance the same as this year's program due to the late notice of the paving of Shoemaker Avenue last year. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough has received positive feedback from the markings, except for one, which the Borough has reached out to several times and has yet to receive a call back.
2. **2016 CDBG Grant / 2017 CDBG Grant for handicap ramps (16 - 17 \$306K)** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that the project specifications have been completed and sent to County for approval. The two grants have been combined to receive a total funding of \$306,000 and the Borough will be completed approximately 40 ramps. The Borough is hoping to bid the project in March and construction to begin mid-June.

3. **Florence Avenue drainage issue** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the plans have been completed to remedy the drainage issue and the Storm pipe has been delivered. Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough intends begin tomorrow, February 15<sup>th</sup>. No Parking signs have been placed on Florence Avenue. Borough Manager G. Locke also notified the school district due to the employees parking on Florence Avenue.
4. **2018 PA Small Water Grant – Submittal due in February 2018** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that this grant will help alleviate the costs for the sanitary sewer repairs on West Avenue #2 drainage basin. The application has been completed and will be submitted by the end of this month.
5. **Jenkintown Sunset Run Signage** – Councilor C. Soltysiak noted that this topic has been discussed a lot with Kwanis. Kwanis has volunteered to fund the signage for the Sunset Run. These signs would be permanent. A draft copy of the sign can be found with the monthly meeting materials. Mayor A. Dobbs would like to give people time to review the sign and provide feedback. Mayor A. Dobbs also noted that Public Works Foreman K. Riggins believed that they can be installed on the back of signs.

#### **Old Business**

1. **Replacement of Dump truck 27** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Borough should be receiving the truck next week.
2. **2017 PA Small Water Grant – Sanitary Sewer Repairs York Road and East side of Borough** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the relining/repair work expected to be completed this week, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Grant closeout to follow. Additional work that took place did not exceed budgeted amount of project.
3. **100 Block Cedar Street – Flooding Issue** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Engineers study and recommendations have been made and the Borough is actively seeking grants for funding.
4. **Aqua Watermain Project on Washington Lane** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that the project postponed and is still currently planning to take place in 2018. Chairperson J. Conners stated that when this project plans to begin the Borough will be sitting down with AQUA to discuss the Washington Lane project, as it will affect the 100 block of Cedar Street flooding issue and possible recommendations to that plan.
5. **Cheltenham Sanitary Sewer Construction Interceptor A – Update** - Chairperson J. Conners stated that the work is progressing however the rock that they encountered slowed down the progress.
6. **Runnymede Ave / Walnut Street** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Engineer, Shade Tree and Codes have observed the situation and a one call was placed. It appears as though an additional sign is the only improvement that can be made at this time. Actual type and location of sign being reviewed. After much discussion on solutions to the problem it was determined that the only viable solution is to add an additional sign and review the possibility of adding center line stripping.

7. **Long Narrow Planters on York Road** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that Engineer working with PennDOT on application process. Possible funding source identified with the County 2040 Implementation Grant.

Councilor C. Whitney stated that he has had constituents discuss the timing on the light at Walnut and Runnymede Avenues. It was noted to Councilor C. Whitney that the timing of the light appears to be off. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that if you don't drive up to the stop bar and stay at the stop bar, the light will not change due to the loop detection system. If you go past, then you are now allowing the maximum timing on the other side

Borough Manager G. Locke notified the Borough's Traffic Engineer about the light at Township Line Road, West Avenue and Summit Avenue. The resident appeared at Borough Hall to state that he felt as though he sat on West Avenue for three minutes before he was given the green light to go over the bridge into Cheltenham. The Borough Traffic Engineer is going to go out and observe.

Mayor A. Dobbs had a constituent email her about two other lights. York Road and West Avenue is the first light and states even though the hand is up people still continue to make turns and she feels as though it is unsafe for children, and that it should be a red light on all sides when pedestrians are crossing. The other light is the pedestrian crossing in front of the library. This resident notes that it does not always work and when it does work, it is so quick it does not allow ample time to cross the road. Engineer K. Hassan will review both lights and respond to Mayor A. Dobbs.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Councilor K. Farrell, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.