



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 10th, 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 C. Whitney, Councilor K. Farrell and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. McGlonn and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Others present:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, and Fire Chief G. Bachman.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Reports

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that during the month of September NJS Construction has completed the CDBG Project and installed 55 ADA compliant handicap ramps. The Public Works Foreman and Borough Engineer have been actively communicating with all residents who have been affected by the CDBG Project as well as communicating with the residents who have voiced concerns regarding handicap ramps along their properties. The inspection for the School Playground grant has been completed today, October 10th, 2018 and the inspection with the DCNR went well. The Borough will be completing the grant closeout within the coming weeks. Additionally, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted that the Public Works Department repaired a sinkhole behind the sidewalk of 418 Hillside Avenue as well as cleaned the inlet at the curb. Along with repairing the sinkhole at 418 Hillside Avenue, the Borough videoed the existing pipe and have not found any additional compromises. Finally, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted that Michel Hess, Public Works Department's newest hire, has obtained CDL B permit.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that the paving project will be kicking off within the coming days and should take approximately three days to mill and paving all the roads on the 2018 paving project.

New Business

1. **2018 Paving Project** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the project was successfully bid. The Borough issued the Notice to Proceed to General Asphalt. The Contractor is currently scheduled to begin the milling operation on Friday October 12th or on Monday October 15th. The project is estimated to last 3 days and will include; Florence Avenue (West to Runnymede), Hillside Avenue (Walnut to York), Leedom Street (Hillside to Cloverly). Elm Avenue (Hillside to end of disturbance). Speed hump installation on Cedar Street and possibly Leedom Street. Of the original 92 properties on the paving project all but two properties have addressed their concrete repairs. These two properties will receive final letters announcing the enforcement of the repairs however one property is bank owned and has been nonresponsive. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that Fire Marshal K. Lynch was able to contact the bank owned property and the bank noted that they are looking to have the curb completed before paving commences and the sidewalk completed during the use and occupancy settlement.
2. **2016 CDBG Grant / 2017 CDBG Grant for handicap ramps (16 - 17 \$306K)** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that NJS has substantially completed the 2016/2017 CDBG Grant Funded H.C. Ramp Project. To date 55 handicap ramps have been completed. The Borough Engineer has been working with residents to successfully complete any incidental construction caused by having to install code compliant HC Ramps with the existing conditions. The Borough Engineer is currently completing the Contractor's final punchlist, which is a restoration/issue list of final repairs.
3. **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough was awarded \$100,000 to complete storm water repairs on the Cedar to Walnut project. The Borough Engineer was successful in adjusting the scope of the project to include the downstream conveyance system on Mather Road. This portion of the storm run has now been videotaped and is being evaluated by the Borough Engineer. This conveyance system is compromised and has been determined to be the cause of the recent sinkholes repaired on Mather Road. The status of repairs and this Grant will continue to be made through the Public Works Committee and Administration & Finance Committee.
4. **Permission to Advertise: Green Light Go Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough was awarded \$89,784.00 to complete upgrade of traffic lights to LED, install battery backup systems in all traffic lights within the Borough as well as provide three small electronically stabilized generators for emergency situations.

Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to move the permission to advertise the Green Light Go Grant to full Council. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Permission to Advertise: 2040 Implementation Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the 2040 Implementation Grant was awarded by Montgomery County in the amount of \$73,902.00 to create a welcome gateway into Jenkintown Borough from the southern entrance of York Road at Washington Lane.

Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Whitney, to move the permission to advertise the 2040 Implementation Grant to full Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. **Montgomery County 2018 Local Share Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that this grant is expected to be awarded in October or November. If awarded funds are slated for demolition of structures at 433/435 Cedar Street for the Cedar Street Parklet.
2. **Inlet Relocation at Proposed Handicap Ramps** – Chairperson J. Conners noted that the relocation of inlets made necessary by the proposed installation of handicap ramps. To date, the Public Works Department, along with Passerini Construction, replaced four inlets; however two more inlets are proposed to be relocated at the intersection of Walnut Street & Greenwood Avenue and Elm Avenue and Rodman Avenue. Those inlets have been configured and are being produced, installation is planned to take place within 3 weeks.
3. **DCNR Small Communities Playground Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the work is substantially complete on small playground. Installation of a climbing wall, accessible path has been completed. Final inspection by the Granting Authority (DCNR) took place today, the finalization of grant closeout is underway and will be reported on at this Committee and Administration & Finance Committee. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the meeting went well and grant closeout paperwork will begin.
4. **Handicap curb cut ramps installed on York Road** – Chairperson J. Conners noted that PennDOT has bid, awarded the project and issued notice to proceed. Start date has not been provided as of this report. Engineer has been working to establish PennDOT's Construction start date.
5. **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that no new plans have been submitted for the Watermain installation project on Washington Lane, the Borough Engineer is set to coordinate that project with the proposed Borough storm water project to abate the street flooding on Cedar Street.
6. **Verizon Pole Update** - Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that a spreadsheet has been placed in packets. PW has been performing temporary repairs within the right of the way to improve pedestrian safety until Verizon makes the final restorations. Verizon has been reengaged as they have several possible projects within the Borough that will not be approved prior to the completion of this project.

Mayor A. Dobbs noted that next currently there is a bill before the House of Representatives pertaining to wireless telecommunication facilities. This bill would take the control out of the municipalities and put it with the state, which would reduce the zoning regulations that municipalities currently have over the wireless telecommunication facilities. Mayor A. Dobbs noted that she signed a letter, with multiple mayors from other municipalities, asking that the bill not be approved, allowing the municipalities to continue to regulate wireless telecommunication facilities and urges this committee to move the same letter to full council.

Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Council K. Farrell, to move the letter pertaining to the wireless telecommunication facilities to full Council. This letter will ask both Senator Art Haywood and Representative Steve McCarter to vote against the current bill.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson J. Conners, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.