



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
September 12th, 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, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor K. McGlenn 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, Fire Chief G. Bachman, Fire Chief K. Lynch, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Presentations

- **Environmental Action Committee, Adrienne Redd: Pay-per-bag proposal:** Adrienne Redd appeared before the Committee to present her the pay-per-bag proposal. Ms. Redd noted that each private residence would pay a nominal fee for each bag to be picked up instead of a flat fee for each resident. This would hopefully encourage residents to recycle. Adrienne Redd noted that Republic will be appeared before the EAC during their October 3rd meeting. After much discussion regarding reusable can vs. stickers and bags, it was noted the Council and the Committee would like to review and continue to receive information regarding the pay-per-bag proposal.

Reports

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that he attended the Pre-Construction Meeting for CDBG Project (ADA Ramps) with Borough Manager G. Locke, Borough Engineer K. Hassan and Finance Director R. Ware. The Borough and Contractor (NJS) discussed inspections and the order in which the ramps will be installed to coordinate with upcoming Paving Project. This project begun Monday August 27th. To date, the Borough has had 22 ramps completed. Additionally, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins has attended Pre-Construction Meeting for the DCNR Grant Project (School ADA Walkway) with Borough Manager G. Locke, Borough Engineer K. Hassan and Finance Director R. Ware. We discussed coordination for the materials, water access on school grounds, and installation and removal of playground equipment. This Project begun Tuesday August 21st. Finally, the Public Works Department has rebuilt the storm inlet walls at the intersection of Rodman Avenue & Elm Avenue and Runnymede Avenue and Elm Avenue.

President D. Pancoe asked if the Borough has been tracking the restoration repairs they have been completing on Verizon's behalf. President D. Pancoe asked Borough Manager G. Locke if the Borough will be receiving a refund from Verizon on that. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough is documenting the repairs they complete.

- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that the detour plan for Noble Bridge has not changed, and Pennoni Associates will be submitting an executive summary and dates regarding the detours. Engineer K. Hassan additionally noted that he has followed up with PennDOT regarding the ADA ramps along York Road. Engineer K. Hassan noted that they have not heard anything different for a timeline of removal, however is expecting a phone call from Fran Haney tomorrow.

New Business

1. **2018 Paving Project** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the low bid was less than the engineered estimate and the bid was by General Asphalt who has paved the Borough paving project for the last 3 years. The Borough has issued the award to General Asphalt who will begin the milling and paving operation after the handicap ramps are completed on the roads to be paved. Florence Avenue (West to Runnymede), Hillside Avenue (Walnut to York), Leedom Street (Hillside to Cloverly). Elm Avenue (Hillside to end of disturbance). Handicap Ramp on Cedar Street and possibly Leedom Street. There are three properties who have not completed their concrete repairs. The funding delay that affected the CDBG HC Ramp project has moved the proposed paving date to early October which should allow for all repairs to take place prior to paving.
2. **2016 CDBG Grant / 2017 CDBG Grant for handicap ramps (16 - 17 \$306K)** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough has awarded the 2016/2017 CDBG Grant Funded H.C. Ramp Project to NJS, who was the lowest responsible bidder. NJS began replacing the ramps last week, September 3rd, and began at West Avenue & Florence Avenue. To date 22 handicap ramps have been completed. The Borough is replacing a total of 52 handicap ramps this year on this project.
3. **Montgomery County 2018 Local Share Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that this grant is expected to be awarded in October. If awarded funds are slated for demolition of structures at 433/435 Cedar Street for the Cedar Street Parklet.
4. **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant is expected to be awarded on September 18th. Scope may be able to be adjusted to include downstream conveyance issues being addressed on Mather Road that has been determined to be the cause of the recent sinkholes repaired.
5. **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 produced a small punchlist of required repairs and signage to complete the project and begin grant closeout.
6. **Mid-block crosswalk on Florence Avenue** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough included this crosswalk into the 2016/2017 CDBG grant. The contractor, NJS Concrete, has

installed the bumpouts, curb ramps and signage. The crosswalk striping and the arrows leading up to the crosswalk has been installed.

Old Business

- 1. Runnymede Avenue / Walnut Street Safety** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the Engineer completed review. Centerline striping was placed at both approaches to Walnut Street, signage positioning was addressed. This is in response to safety concerns of traffic at Runnymede Avenue at Walnut crossing the centerline and creating a dangerous situation. This work has been completed
- 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. The Public Works Department, along with Passerini Construction, replaced four inlets; two at Cedar Street & Hillside Avenue, one at Elm and Cheltena Avenues and one at Greenwood Avenue and Walnut Street this work has been completed.
- 3. Handicap curb cut ramps installed on York Road** – Chairperson J. Conners noted that the Borough received a letter from PennDOT in July noting that the three ramps installed along York Road would be removed at the end of summer. The Borough has reached out to PennDOT for the construction start date.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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 week is Yom Kippur, and asked if Administration & Finance and Building Zoning & Revitalization would be meeting. It was confirmed they would be.

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