



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**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. McGlonn, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor C. Whitney, Councilor J. Lugar, Councilor M. Golden, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Engineer F. Ciufu, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, and Fire Chief G. Bachman.

**Public Comment:** Maureen Lucak, 115 Cedar Street, noted that Verizon pulled the pole from the 100 block of Cedar Street, however left a hole where the pole was. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that he will address the area tomorrow, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Reports**

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

**Presentations**

- **Sanitary Sewer Conveyance – Pennoni Associates Inc.:** Engineer Frank Ciufu, Pennoni Associates, appeared before the committee to present a study to divert flow to alternate treatment facilities rather than all flow going through Cheltenham. Engineer F. Ciufu evaluated the cost of the Borough diverting their flow into Abington or directly into the City of Philadelphia. Engineer F. Ciufu noted there were two concepts for the flow to be diverted, the first being pump stations to the city or to Abington, the second being gravity or pump stations where possible and flow into Abington. After reviewing the first concept, it was noted that the cost of construction was approximately 10 million.

John McCall, 329 Summit Avenue, asked if the costs were just for construction of the project or if they included maintenance. Engineer F. Ciufu noted that the costs were just construction costs only.

Vice President R. Bunker noted that he is hopeful that this will free up the sewer capacity system to allow for EDU's for businesses to move into Jenkintown.

Engineer F. Ciufu began presenting option two, which would be gravity stations diverting flow into Abington Township. This would allow the Borough to divert flow down into Abington Township, by Rodman Avenue and be pumped and treated through Abington Township instead of Cheltenham Township. Engineer F. Ciufu noted that this would cost less than option one, but still would be a few million. This option would also not divert all flow away from Cheltenham Township.

Alyson Lester, 315 Greenwood Avenue, asked if that would "max" the Rodman system within Abington Township. Engineer F. Ciufu noted that he has begun preliminary conversations with George Wrigley from Abington Township and neither he or Mr. Wrigley were concerned about the flow.

Mayor A. Dobbs asked if Abington is looking to divert flow from Cheltenham. Engineer F. Ciufu noted that at this time he does not know what Abington has planned or has been discussing.

Councilor M. Golden noted that the cost for gravity pumping to Abington would free up approximately 39 EDU's. Councilor Golden wanted to know approximately how many EDU's the Borough is requesting from Cheltenham. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the current request to Cheltenham Township was for approximately 200 EDU's.

Mayor A. Dobbs asked if the Borough would then be asking AQUA for EDU allocations. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that they would be.

Engineer K. Hassan noted that Tom Rafferty appeared tonight to help alleviate any questions the Committee may have. Tom Rafferty noted that there will be a rate freeze for at least three years. After three years, any rate increases would go through the PUC. Mr. Rafferty also noted that the cost for the infrastructure will remain the same.

Mayor A. Dobbs asked why AQUA purchased the system. Mr. Rafferty noted that AQUA has a good relationship with Cheltenham. Additionally, the PUC and DEP favored highly upon the sale and purchase of the system.

Councilor M. Golden asked how Cheltenham sold the system however Jenkintown is still responsible for 12%. Mr. Rafferty noted that the Borough goes through Cheltenham's system, therefore are still responsible for a portion of the costs associated with the Borough. Tom Rafferty noted that AQUA is looking to put 25-50 million into the system to show both Philadelphia Water Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that AQUA, Cheltenham, Jenkintown and Abington are all working to reduce inflow and infiltration therefore the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will release EDU's to be allocated.

Kevin Glabraith, 130 Greenwood Avenue, asked what the Borough is currently paying to Cheltenham. Vice President R. Bunker noted that currently, the Borough is looking at a 1.4 million dollar payment to Cheltenham Township for the improvements to Interceptor A.

Tom Rafferty noted that the Interceptor A work is continuing as well as the televising of the lines within Cheltenham however the Capital Program will begin with AQUA in 2020.

Kevin Glabraith, 130 Greenwood Avenue, asked if the Borough can review their percentage needing to be paid with AQUA due to the flows that the Borough has on record. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough can however is unsure if the Borough would want to renegotiate flows as it would limit the flow that the Borough currently is allowed.

## **New Business**

- 1. 2016 CDBG Grant / 2017 CDBG Grant for handicap ramps** – Chairperson J. Conners highlighted that the project was complete and grant closeout underway 95% of grant funding received at this time.
- 2. 610 Summit Avenue: Interior Demolition** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that Roizman has asked and has been approved to complete interior nonstructural demolition on 610 Summit Avenue. All abatement for asbestos has been completed. Borough is continuing to review exterior and structural demolition permit, but issuance of demo permit is imminent. Administration will be notifying surrounding residences as well as requiring the contractor to do the same.
- 3. 2017 2040 Implementation Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Legal Easements have been completed with Glanzmann and have been filed with the County. Advertisement for construction bids took place on January 4th. Bids went live on PennBid yesterday, January 8th. Prebid meeting to be held at Borough Hall on January 25th at 10 AM.
- 4. Borough Streetlights** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that all of the streetlights were replaced with energy/cost saving LED lights. The poles were prepped and the majority of each pole was painted. PW has rented a bucket truck and the portion of the poles not painted during the initial phase will be painted the week of November 19th. Public Works will be completing the painting of light poles on the following roads; Runnymede Avenue, Rodman Avenue, Cheltona Avenue, Cloverly Avenue, Elm Avenue, Linda Vista Avenue, Homestead Road, Vernon Road, Clement Road, Newbold Road and Vista Road.
- 5. Public Works Pick-up Truck** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the truck currently being upfitted with Borough radio band and Borough badging prior to being placed in service.
- 6. Noble Train Bridge Construction: SEPTA/PennDOT Project** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the project still running behind schedule. Project communication has been requested by the Borough through PennDOT for dissemination to Borough Businesses and Residents. Plans are to bid this project in 2019 and work will include close two lanes of the four-lane bridge during the project making one lane in both directions. Current detour plan does not include detours in Jenkintown Borough.
- 7. 2019 Paving Project** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the roads included on the paving program include Highland Avenue (West to Hillside), Walnut Street (West to Greenwood) and Cedar Street (Willow to Summit). Project Announcement letters have been sent to these residences. As in previous years concrete deficiency marking to take place the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that she attended the JCA meeting this month. JCA had questions regarding the tree lighting and the constant power outage during storms. Fire Marshal K. Lynch

noted that the trees are currently set to be lit from sunset to midnight so that the trees can “rest.” Additionally, the trees are programmed to turn off as there is a safety concern due to the proximity to the walking surface. The Borough can install safeguards to protect the lights from going out but it will be a costly endeavor. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough can have estimates provided should Council want.

Additionally, Councilor K. Farrell noted that JCA was looking to repurpose the snowflake decorations that were purchased in years prior. Councilor K. Farrell noted that to rewire the snowflakes it would cost approximately \$300 each to rewire. Currently, the JCA is looking to buy new snowflakes approximately 4-5 feet in width to line the gazebo. JCA would purchase 7-8 snowflakes for \$375 each.

Councilor K. Farrell noted while on the topic of JCA sprucing up town square, JCA would like to keep the mini message gazebo current with up to date flyers and events. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough had a key and currently Public Works places flyers in the gazebo that are delivered to Borough Hall. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough will be happy to assist the JCA in keeping the mini gazebo up to date with information, however would like to view the flyers prior to them be installed in the gazebo.

Lastly, Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that Jean from White Horse Coffee and Creamery would like to collaborate with the Rec Board in events in town square as the businesses would like to become more involved.

Councilor M. Golden asked Borough Manager G. Locke and Public Works Foreman K. Riggins why the street lights on the east side of town were not painted completely as the arm at the top is a different color than the vertical pole. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the color was chosen to match the decorative poles and that the Borough has never painted the vertical arm as the Borough was informed years ago that it would damage the light. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there are 250 arms within the Borough and the painting would come after the winter months.

## **Old Business**

- 1. Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** – Chairperson J. Conners noted that Aqua will be installing new watermains on Highland Avenue (West to Hillside), Walnut Street (West to Greenwood). There has been no update on the proposed Washington lane Watermain project.
- 2. 2018 Paving Project: Update** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the PennDOT MS999 filed, document closeout underway. PennDOT denied the asphalt escalation charge and the Contractor is returning the escalation fee paid (approx. \$5,000) Concrete compliance. There are two residents who have not complied. One has drawn the permit and work has been delayed due to weather issues and the other is not work requiring a permit but resident has registered their intent to comply with the required concrete patching repairs.
- 3. Verizon Pole Update** - Chairperson J. Conners stated the updated list of poles that have not been addressed and the cost tally for emergency repairs being made by PW is included in your packets. This information has been shared with PECO who is assisting the Borough in having Verizon fulfill their responsibility. Verizon has been addressing a few poles a month. Future proposed Verizon projects will include this completion prior to approval.

4. **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** - Chairperson J. Conners stated the dye test and video inspection of downstream storm water conveyance system has been completed. Evaluation of the downstream system and discharge being performed by the Borough Engineer and will be provided to the committee and Council once completed. Plan for remediation to be covered by grant funding provided is being determined and specs prepared for construction.
5. **Traffic / Pedestrian Safety** - Chairperson J. Conners stated the 24" stop bars and piano key crosswalks have been installed where all new HC Ramps have been installed. The piano key crosswalks have also been installed at Hillside and Walnut which have greatly improved visibility of the pedestrian paths at this intersection. Additionally, crosswalks were installed at Walnut and Summit. The speed hump that was requested on the 100 block of Cedar Street has been completed. The Engineered study on the speed hump requested on Leedom Street was completed and plan drawn. The residents who requested the speed hump have not filed the required petition of residents at this time. Once petition is submitted and approved by Council the installation will be added to the 2019 Paving Project.

Mayor A. Dobbs noted that the Annual Sunset 5K run is on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The banner will be along York Road from May 1<sup>st</sup> until June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor A. Dobbs also noted that the Train Station ADA upgrades will be discussed during the January Building, Zoning & Revitalization meeting next week.

Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough is currently looking into ways to reduce the tripping hazards along York Road where the street trees were installed during the Streetscape project. Currently, the Borough is looking to install porous paving around the tree which should allow the tree to continue to grow and thrive, but not push up the sidewalk bricks or concrete.

Additionally, the Borough is looking to schedule an event with Salem Baptist Church to recognize the significant contribution they have made to the Jenkintown Community. The Borough has been in contact with Reverend Marshall Mitchell of Salem Baptist Church to schedule the event as he will be the main speaker. Once the event is set, the Borough intends to place it on all social media platforms.

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