



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
February 13, 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, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor C. Whitney and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, Fire Chief 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.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

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. **Water issue on Rodman at Myrtle Avenues** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that there has been an ongoing issue with surface water entering the roadway from residences on Rodman. The discharge creates a serious safety issue to the general public. The area has been evaluated and a video scope of existing storm piping has been commissioned to determine the best and most economical way to address this issue. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the scoping had been completed this morning and it appears as though the pipe is clogged about 10 feet in.
3. **Water issue on Runnymede Avenue** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that at some point an inlet was installed on Runnymede Avenue to accept drainage from residences. The inlet installed has no piping and discharges in to the ground. When the ground water is high the inlet becomes overwhelmed and the water overflows down Runnymede Avenue. Initial estimates are in the 30K range to install drainage piping. The inlet bottom was cleaned and scarified. The drainage was

improved but not corrected. The Engineer will be working with the Borough Administration to provide a cost-effective resolution.

4. **610 Summit Avenue – Demolition** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the interior nonstructural demolition of 610 Summit Avenue has been completed along with all asbestos abatement. The Borough has completed and released the structural, exterior demolition permit. Demolition began the week of February 4th and is expected to be completed within four weeks. The Borough is continuing to review the building permit and work with the Engineer, Architect and Property Owner. Police Chief A. DiValentino asked that a structural Engineer review the safety of the police department in the building while demolition would be taking place.
5. **2017 2040 Implementation Grant** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the advertisement for construction bids took place on January 4th and held a pre-bid meeting on January 25th. The bid opening was completed last Friday, February 8th. The Borough received two bids, both of which were much more than the engineers estimate of probable cost. The Borough, County and Engineer are working to reissue the request to complete the scope of work for the gateway.
6. **2019 Paving Project** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the roads included on the paving program include Highland Avenue from West to Hillside, Walnut Street from West to Greenwood and Cedar Street from Willow to Summit. Project Announcement letters have been sent to these residences. The Borough has marked the deficient and issued letters to the affected properties. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough is looking to apply for a grant with the Montgomery County Conservation District for low impact roadways. This grant would pay for the paving of Highland Avenue.

Mayor A. Dobbs noted that Kwanis has begun reviewing the permanent signage for the Sunset 5K run. Mayor A. Dobbs noted that they are working with Rodon signs to design the sign. Mayor A. Dobbs noted that this years run will be on June 4th, 2019. This run attracts over 650 people into Jenkintown.

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 water main project. Engineer K. Hassan noted that AQUA is hopeful to begin the planning process for the Washington Lane in early spring.
2. **Borough Streetlights** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that all streetlights were replaced with energy/cost saving LED lights. The poles were prepped, and Public Works completed the rust treatment/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. There are two (2) remaining poles to be painted on West Avenue. Due to concerns voiced at PW Committee, the eighty (80) poles that were sanded and painted will now have the horizontal mast arms sanded and repainted as well to complete the project. This new scope of work is expected to add 160 work hours plus the cost of the rental lift which in the area of \$2K, an update will be reported once the cost has been finalized. Previously the project included sanding, applying etching primer and final paint of the vertical street

light poles. The Public Works Department will be scheduling this additional work once the weather breaks.

3. **Noble Train Bridge Construction – SEPTA/PennDOT Project** – Chairperson J. Conners stated the project still running behind schedule. Project communication has been requested through PennDOT for dissemination to Borough Businesses and Residents. Plans are to bid this project in January 2020 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. Councilor K. Farrell asked when this work would commence. Engineer K. Hassan noted June of 2020.
4. **Verizon Pole Update** - Chairperson J. Conners noted that 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.
5. **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.
6. **Traffic / Pedestrian Safety** - Chairperson J. Conners stated 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. Police Chief A. DiValentino has concerns regarding the speed hump on Leedom Street. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Police Department's traffic study did not warrant a speed hump as the traffic count was low. Engineer K. Hassan noted that he would look into the criteria.

Councilor C. Soltysiak noted that SEPTA did not clean their sidewalks after the recent snow fall. Councilor C. Soltysiak noted that both she and the Borough called SEPTA and informed SEPTA to address the situation.

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