



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 10th, 2019
7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Vice President J. Conners called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Vice President J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor C. Whitney and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** None at this time.
- **Others present:** Councilor M. Golden, Councilor A. Khalil, 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. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted completed a sink hole repair at West Avenue and Walnut Street. The Public Works Department also replaced 17 stop signs. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted the completion of the road work on Rodman and Runnymede Avenues.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan noted the continued coordination with the 610 Summit Avenue project next door. The DCED grant was completed and submitted yesterday, April 9th for the Cedar Street park. Due to the coordination with Pennoni Associates, the Borough and the County Planners, the Borough was able to submit the grant a day early. Finally, Engineer K. Hassan noted that there is a pre-bid meeting on the re-bid of the southern gateway.

New Business

Councilor M. Golden wanted to discuss the option that the Borough was given by the Galman Group which would allow the Borough to tie into the stormwater during the development of the property located at 179 Washington Lane. The Borough would be paying for this option; however the design plans are being completed during which the Galman Group wants to know if the Borough intends to tie into the stormwater.

1. **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** – Vice President J. Conners noted that Aqua will be installing new watermains on Highland Avenue (West to Hillside), Walnut Street (West to Greenwood). This project is scheduled to begin, June 15th 2019. The Borough has been notified by AQUA that they will also be replacing water mains on Newbold Road (Rydal to Washington), Vernon Road (Rydal

to Washington) and Homestead Road (York to Newbold) in September 2019. The design 1call was received for the East side work on April 5th. There has been no update on the proposed Washington Lane watermain project.

2. **PennDOT – Traffic Light Timing Issues** – Vice President J. Conners stated that the Borough Engineer held a meeting with PennDOT to observe the traffic light timing at the intersections of Summit Avenue/Township Line Road/Glenside Avenue approaches to the Larry Curry bridge. During those observations, irregularities were found and reported to PennDOT. The Borough Engineer is coordinating the required adjustments. The information obtained will be brought back through the PW Committee.
3. **EPA - RLF Fund: Cedar Street Park** - Vice President J. Conners noted that the EPA held a public information session was held earlier this evening. The Borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$60,000 to remediate all contamination from the site of 433 / 435 during the environmental survey that was performed earlier this year. The remediation project can now move forward with the bidding process.
4. **Water issue on Rodman at Myrtle Avenues** - Vice President J. Conners stated there has been an ongoing issue with surface water entering the roadway from residences at 300, 302 & 304 Rodman. The discharge creates a serious safety issue to the general public. A storm water conveyance line has been installed within the public right of way and the ability to tie in to that line was provided to those three residences. This will allow the excess water to be safely conveyed to the inlet at Myrtle Avenue. Vice President J. Conners noted that the project has been completed.
5. **Water issue on Runnymede Avenue** - Vice President J. Conners stated there has been an ongoing issue with surface water entering the roadway from residences at 208 & 210 Runnymede Ave. The discharge creates a serious safety issue to the general public. A storm water conveyance line has been installed within the public right of way. That conveyance line includes two (2) inlets and 300+ feet of 12” storm line. This system will accept any surface water in this area, tie in those two residences and allow future access in the case other residences have the need to tie in, at a later date. This conveyance system runs from 208 Runnymede and ties in to the inlet at Myrtle Avenue. Vice President J. Conners noted that the project has been completed.
6. **610 Summit Avenue – Demolition** - Vice President J. Conners stated the interior nonstructural demolition of 610 Summit Avenue has been completed along with all asbestos abatement. Currently, the structural demolition is taking place and is scheduled to be completed by the end of April. The Borough has completed the construction permit reviews and the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor are working to finalize the land development agreement with the applicant.
7. **2017 - 2040 Implementation Grant** - Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough received two bids, both of which were much more than the engineers estimate of probable cost. Borough Council voted to reject all bids and re-bid the project. The project bids are now due April 17th.

Old Business

1. **2019 Paving Project** – Vice President 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. The Borough has marked the deficient and issued letters to the affected properties.

Residents have begun requesting meetings to discuss the process. Additionally, the residences that will be affected by the Aqua watermain replacement on the East side of York Road will receive notices once a paving schedule has been determined. It appears as though that paving will take place in 2020/2021 paving projects.

2. **Noble Train Bridge Construction – SEPTA/PennDOT Project** – Vice President 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 has been provided and does not include detours in Jenkintown Borough. Engineer K. Hassan noted that the detour plans can be placed on the Borough's website.
3. **Verizon Pole Update** - Vice President 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** - Vice President J. Conners stated the evaluation of downstream system and discharge being performed by Engineer. Plan for remediation to be covered by grant funding provided (100K) is being determined and specs prepared for construction.

Mayor A. Dobbs noted that the Kiwanis want to purchase permanent run markers. It appears as though Kiwanis will be purchasing 40 signs. Two parts include circles and arrows and will be attached to the back of existing poles and signs. Kiwanis would like to order more signs so that replacements can be completed by Public Works easily.

Additionally, Mayor A. Dobbs noted that there are two signs on Walnut Street at Runnymede Avenue. The first sign reads no turn on red while the other reads no left turn during certain hours. Due to the sign placement, the second sign pertaining to left turns is not visible to motorists as the approach Runnymede Avenue. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that Traffic Engineer, Mark Bickerton, will look at the signs and their placements as this is a state road intersection specifically the pole placement is on a state road.

Councilor A. Khalil asked for a status update regarding the trees on Division Street. Fire Marshal K. Lynch noted that the property owner has been in touch with multiple arborists and once one is chosen the trees will be removed. At this time no arborist has been contracted. Additionally, Councilor A. Khalil noted that the residents on Division Street would like to place a mirror on Walnut Street at Division Street to they can see the traffic on both sides. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that this is an Engineering question however on Highland Avenue the Borough was not allowed to place the mirrors within the right of way due to it not being a compliant traffic device. Councilor A. Khalil also noted that the residents on the 100 block of Cedar Street have had stormwater issues again. Borough Manager G. Locke commented on the work that had previously taken place by Remington, Vernick and Beach as well as the grant the Borough has applied for and has been awarded to help alleviate the perceived drainage in that area.

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