



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
June 12th, 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. McGlenn, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor C. Whitney and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** None at this time.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, and Fire Marshal K. Lynch.

Public Comment: Doris Heist appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Jenkintown Library. Doris noted that the Jenkintown Library has been gifted a little library. The Jenkintown Library would like permission to place the little library in Town Square. The Jenkintown Library would stock and install the little library, however wanted to receive permission from the Borough. Vice President J. Conners was excited about the little library. Vice President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. McGlenn, to move the allow the Abington Library Society (Jenkintown Library) to install, maintain and stock a little library in the Town Square to full Council.

Reports

- **Pennoni Associates, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitations - PA Small Water Grant Program:** Frank Ciufu, Pennoni Associates, appeared before the Committee to discuss the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitations that the Borough will be completing with the PA Small Water Grant Program. Jenkintown Borough was awarded the entire amount requested of \$390,784 which will fund the work required on the West Avenue sanitary sewer drainage basin. Also discussed was the Borough continuing the reduction of inflow and infiltration with the sanitary sewer lateral repairs during the Residential Resale Use & Occupancy program.

Reports

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted with the Spring weather arriving the Public Works Crew has started landscaping throughout town, including the weeding, trimming and mulching. Additionally, Public Works has continued the ongoing project of removing tripping hazards on York Road. Over the month of May Public Works have removed the original blocks around trees causing tripping hazards and replaced them with mulch. Finally, Foreman K. Riggins highlighted the Public Works installed 72 signs for 5k Sunset Race.

- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan noted bid documents for the 2019 paving project were completed and project was advertised for bid with an opening date of June 26, 2019. Additionally, a preconstruction meeting was held and Notice To Proceed will be issued for June 17, 2019 for the 2017 2040 Implementation Grant for the southern gateway.

New Business

1. **610 Summit Avenue – Demolition –** Vice President J. Conners stated currently, demolition has been completed and site work has begun. Pennoni Associates is performing the site work inspection and that cost is being paid by the developer.
2. **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. 27 residences have been marked, eleven have pulled permits and/or completed the work. Additionally, the residences that will be affected by the Aqua watermain replacement on the East side of York Road will receive notices once a schedule is provided by Aqua. It appears as though that paving will take place in 2020/2021 paving projects.
3. **2019 Sweeper Route -** Vice President J. Conners stated Route including dates was email blasted, posted on social media and can be found on the Borough website. Residents that prefer a paper copy can pick one up at Borough Hall.
4. **DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Programs Grant -** Vice President J. Conners stated the grant application was submitted requesting \$240,738 and will be to finance the construction of the Cedar Street Park utilizing the Engineered plans produced through the PECO 2017 Green Region Grant. This grant was submitted prior to the May 31st deadline and accepted as complete on June 6th.
5. **Pa DEP 902 Grant -** Vice President J. Conners stated the 902 Grant is for the purchase of a new “trash” leaf/yard waste collection truck. The entire requested amount of \$170,100 was awarded, this grant has a 10% match of \$17,000. The match will be offset by the sale of the existing vehicle. The Borough ordered the chassis from Mack late last year. It currently appears as though the complete truck should be received in the Fall of 2019.
6. **Town Square Benches -** Vice President J. Conners highlighted the Public Works is working to repair, sand and stain the wood on the benches throughout town square. This is a portion of the larger project to beautify town square. Notable mention to Jenkintown Rotary for planting beautiful flowers in town square last week.
7. **Business District Clean up -** Vice President J. Conners highlighted the Public Works has reinstated a program to beautify the business district. This includes blowing and sweeping the sidewalks on York Road and West Avenue combined with the street sweeping of those areas.

Old Business

1. **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** – Vice President J. Conners noted that 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. **No Smoking in Public Parks and in Town Square** - Vice President J. Conners noted that the Committee would like to ban smoking in Cedar Street park and Town Square. Vice President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. McGlenn, to move the smoking ban in Town Square and Cedar Street park to full Council.
3. **2017 - 2040 Implementation Grant** - Vice President J. Conners noted Borough Council voted to award the competitively bid contract to James R. Kenney Excavating, Paving Inc. This project at Washington Lane and York Road is scheduled to begin Monday, June 17th
4. **Noble Train Bridge Construction – SEPTA/PennDOT Project** – Vice President J. Conners stated the project communication has been requested through PennDOT for dissemination to Borough Businesses and Residents. Plans are to bid this project in 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 detours are shown in Abington Township.
5. **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.
6. **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** - Vice President J. Conners stated the evaluation of downstream system and discharge has been completed by PW and the Borough Engineer. Plan for remediation has been completed and will be covered by grant funding provided by the DCED (100K). Construction and bid specs are being prepared for advertisement.

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