



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. Farrell, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** Chairperson C. Whitney, and Councilor K. McGlonn.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, President D. Pancoe, Councilor J. Lugar, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer M. Bickerton, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, and Fire Marshal K. Lynch.

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Reports**

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that the Public Works Department attended a Webinar provided by PerkE pave to learn how to install Porous Paving. The Borough will be installing porous paving to address the tripping hazards along York Road. After the webinar the Department will receive a half day training that will then certify the Department as Certified Installers. The Public Works Department has finished painting the mast arms on street lights as part of the Beautification Project. Public Works painted 55 mast arms throughout town, and 23 mast arms on York Road. Additionally, as part of the Beautification Project, Public Works Department has finished refurbishing the last of the benches on West Avenue and Yorkway Place as well as the 20 benches in the Town Square, which saved the Borough approximately \$20,000.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer M. Bickerton noted construction has been completed and the contractor needs to submit completed Release and Surety Statement forms to close-out the contract. The Engineer's recommendation for payment will be submitted when these documents are completed. Engineer M. Bickerton noted that there is a delay on the poles due to the steel tariffs and backorders.

**New Business**

1. **610 Summit Avenue – Site work continuing** – Vice President J. Conners stated currently, footings and the elevator shaft are being completed. The Borough along with Cowan Associates

(Third Party Special Inspector) and Penonni Associates are completing the required onsite inspections.

2. **2019 Paving Project** – Vice President J. Conners stated that the Borough awarded the 2019 Paving project to Associated Paving Contractors in the amount of \$89,413.75. The paving project began Monday, September 9th and was intended to be completed today, Wednesday, September 11th. Roads included on this paving program include Highland Avenue (West to Hillside), Walnut Street (West to Greenwood) and Cedar Street (Willow to Summit). Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the paving was completed today and Abington Township will be striping, painting the crosswalks and marking the School Zones.
3. **Pa DEP 902 Grant – New trash/recycling truck** - Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough was informed last week that the truck build has been completed and was delivered to Grand Turk who will be installing the truck body. As background, 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 partially offset by the sale of the existing vehicle. It currently appears as though the complete truck should be received in the Fall of 2019
4. **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** - Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough has been notified by AQUA that PHASE 2 has commenced and they will also be replacing water mains on Newbold Road (Rydal to Washington), Vernon Road (Rydal to Washington) and Homestead Road (York to Newbold). The portion of the project began on Monday, September 9, including exploratory excavation, excavations to make the connections of the new watermain at Rydal / Vernon Roads followed by Rydal / Newbold Road as well as excavations to make the connections of the new watermains at York / Homestead Roads. As information is received, the Borough will notify affected residents and the Public Works Committee.
5. **EV Charging Stations** - Vice President J. Conners stated the EAC has been researching the feasibility of participating in the DEP funded EV charging station program. The information as provided at the August 20th Planning Commission meeting for discussion on possible locations for installations. The three locations being discussed are the Town Square parking lot, Library lot and street parking on West at the SEPTA train station. This project will need to be submitted by the end of December to qualify for grant funding. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that he is speaking with the Library and will be meeting with the Board as information progresses.

## **Old Business**

1. **Business District clean up** – Vice President J. Conners noted that this is an ongoing Public Works department 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. The benches are being restored. Trees have been trimmed and maintained on Yorkway Place. The tree surrounds that became tripping hazards have been removed and pervious paving has been installed to make the tree surrounds safe for the public and healthy for the trees.

2. **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** - Vice President J. Conners noted that the Borough met with the Engineers and residents and discussed the flooding occurring on Cedar Street during heavy rainfall. The existing and new storm water system has been videoed and evaluated. The Engineer is working on providing plans of proposed improvements that will lessen the surface water accumulation on Cedar Street. 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).
3. **DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) and the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Grants** - Vice President J. Conners noted the grant awards are scheduled to be announced in late 2019. As background, these grant applications were submitted requesting funding to finance the construction of the Cedar Street Moretti Park utilizing the Engineered plans produced through the PECO 2017 Green Region Grant. If either grant is awarded the MONTCO 2040 Implantation Grant that has been awarded can be used for the required matching funds.
4. **2019 County Transportation Program (CTP) Grant** – Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough submitted the grant application prior to the August 2nd deadline. Application for grant funding to cover cost of portions of roadway paving that is Borough responsibility during infrastructure upgrade to Eastside of Borough on Newbold, Vernon and Homestead Roads.
5. **2019 Paving Project – Concrete compliance** - Vice President J. Conners stated there are three (3) properties that have not complied to date, however one has pulled a permit to have the work completed. Roads included on the paving program include Highland Avenue (West to Hillside), Walnut Street (West to Greenwood) and Cedar Street (Willow to Summit).
6. **2017 - 2040 Implementation Grant** - Vice President J. Conners stated James R. Kenney Excavating, Paving Inc. is 90% complete this project. The Borough has been notified by the supplier of the Street Lights that there is a delay on delivery until December 2019, a final extension will have to be requested from the County to cover this final delay.
7. **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.
8. **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. The Borough has been meeting with Verizon and PECO and it finally appears as though the poles are going to be addressed. PECO has implied that they will be taking responsibility for the removal of repairs and restoration costs. Future proposed Verizon projects will include this completion prior to approval.

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