



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
November 13th, 2019
7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Councilor J. Lugar, Vice President J. Conners, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor M. Marlowe and Councilor K. Farrell.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. McGlenn,.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, President D. Pancoe, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino.

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. **Act537 Plan – Cheltenham Township Sanitary Sewer Sale** – Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough received the draft Act 537 Plan from Cheltenham Township. Borough Council and Planning Commission needs to review and provide comments or a letter stating no comments prior to December 13th. Additionally, a Resolution must be passed adopting the Act 537 after the comment period closes.
2. **2019 PECO Green Region Grant** – Vice President J. Conners stated that the Borough applied for the 2019 PECO Green Region Grant. The Borough submitted the grant prior to the October 31st deadline, if awarded the funding will assist with funding the ADA porous paving walkway at Cedar Street Moretti Park.
3. **2019 PECO Green Region Grant Bonus Round** – Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough has received notice that PECO Green Region grant is in its 15th year and will be holding a 15th Anniversary Bonus Round Grant Opportunity. The 15th Anniversary Bonus Round focuses specifically on tree planting projects. Grants of \$10,000 will be awarded, one to each county, for projects that focus on the installation and planting of trees in our region. Matching funds are not required for this Bonus Round. Resolutions are also not part of the application. The Borough is

working hard to submit the grant prior to the November 30th deadline for the plantings at Cedar Street Moretti Park.

4. **PECO Gas AGIMP 2020 Planned Infrastructure Improvements** – Vice President J. Conners stated PECO has informed the Borough that they will be replacing the aging gas main/service infrastructure with the Borough. PECO is currently in year five of their twenty plan to replace and upgrade their gas main system. The ordinance #2015-3 passed by Borough Council in 2015 protects the Borough in that any road that is disturbed that was paved within the previous five years must be repaved in its entirety from curb to curb in width at no cost to the Borough. Several roads on this project will fall within that criteria.
5. **2019 County Transportation Program (CTP) Grant** - Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough was not awarded the County Transportation Program grant, the funds if awarded were to be used to cover the Borough's cost of milling/paving of Newbold, Vernon and Homestead Roads on the infrastructure upgrade project. Due to the large scope of the project and lack of funding, the road conditions have been evaluated and it is recommended to have Aqua Pennsylvania make final restoration to all trenches, and financial contributions, then mill and pave Vernon Road on the 2020 Road project and Newbold Road on the 2021 Road Project. Move forward to Council approval of milling/paving Vernon Road on the 2020 Road Paving Project.
6. **EV Charging Stations** - Vice President J. Conners stated the EAC has completed research on the feasibility of participating in the DEP funded EV charging station program. The Borough Planning Commission reviewed possible locations for installations. Possible locations being discussed are the Town Square parking lot, Library lot and two commercial properties (93 and 610 York Road). This project will be on the agendas of the EAC, A&F, Council and Planning Commission this month so that the grant submittal can be completed and submitted prior to the December deadline.

Old Business

1. **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** – Vice President J. Conners noted four test pits were dug on October 14th to verify existing conditions. Plans are being updated based on information collected. Plan for remediation has been completed and will be covered by grant funding provided by the DCED (100K)..
2. **Pa DEP 902 Grant – New trash/recycling truck** – Vice President J. Conners noted that there are no new updates. Last month, the Borough was informed that the truck build has been completed and was delivered to Grand Turk who will be installing the truck body. The truck body has been delayed due to steel tariffs, but is still expected in 2019.
3. **2019 Paving Project** - Vice President J. Conners noted the project has been completed and the close out documents have been submitted. The Borough has two properties that have not complied with the concrete requirements. The Borough understands that one property is currently being sold (358 Walnut Street) which intends to complete the one block and two patch repairs after settlement. The second property owner (209 West Avenue) has yet to notify the Borough of their intent to comply stating the sidewalk work would be too expensive. The Borough has issued a final non-compliance letter with a deadline of November 30th. Should compliance not be achieved, the Borough will be issuing citations before the District Magistrate.

4. **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** - Vice President J. Conners noted the PHASE 2 which is working on replacing water mains on Newbold Road (Rydal to Washington), Vernon Road (Rydal to Washington) and Homestead Road (York to Newbold). The project is approximately 90% completed. The mains have been chlorinated and Caddick has begun tying in the existing laterals to the new water main. The Borough has been notifying affected residents through social media, email blasts and the Public Works Committee. Additionally, Caddick has notified residents via US mail.
5. **DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) and the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Grants** – Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough was awarded \$75,000 with the GTRP grant, for the construction of the Cedar Street Moretti Park. Project is set to begin in 2020. The Borough will be participating in an award ceremony on November 25th 9:00 AM with PA State Senator Art Haywood.
6. **2017 - 2040 Implementation Grant** - Vice President J. Conners stated project has been completed except for installation of light fixtures, delivery is expected in Dec. Fixtures will be installed as soon as they are received. A final grant extension is being requested from the County to allow for this final delay.
7. **Noble Train Bridge Construction – SEPTA/PennDOT Project** - Vice President J. Conners stated SEPTA has assigned a new project team and they are reviewing the existing plans prior to proceeding. Plans are still 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.