



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
January 8th, 2020
7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson J. Lugar, Vice President J. Conners, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor M. Marlowe and Councilor K. Farrell.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor C. Soltysiak None at this time.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Finance Director R. Ware, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Mayor A. Dobbs, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Public Comment: MaryRose Santee, 448 Maple Street, wanted to thank Jenkintown Borough for the removal of the telephone pole in front of her property.

Reports

- **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that the Menorah lighting was well attended as well as the Public Works Department was available to assist with set up and clean up. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins also highlighted that AQUA has completed the water main replacement project on the east side, specifically Vernon and Newbold Roads. Temporary restoration is being completed, final restoration will take place once the weather breaks.
- **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 reviewed the Act537 and provided comments. Additionally, the Act537 was reviewed by the Borough Engineer. A Resolution must be passed adopting the Act 537 after the comment period closes.
2. **PECO Gas AGIMP 2020 Planned Infrastructure Improvements** – Vice President J. Conners stated that PECO has informed the Borough that they will be continuing replacement the aging gas main/service infrastructure with the Borough. PECO is currently in year five of their twenty-year plan to replace and upgrade their gas main system. PECO is scheduled to commence this project in February and work will begin on Runnymede, Florence and Cheltona Avenues. Most roads on this project will fall within the Restoration Ordinance. Roads have been paved in the last

five years. PECO will be notifying the residents via US Mail and the Borough will begin notifications on social media platforms.

3. **EV Charging Stations** – Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough has applied for one charging station, two plugs, to be installed in the Town Square Leedom Street parking lot. The Borough was informed on Friday, January 3rd, that we were awarded the rebate in the amount of \$9,000. An application for a \$1,000 rebate to PECO is being submitted for this project.
4. **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** – Vice President J. Conners highlighted the phase 2 AQUA water main replacement project taking place on Newbold Road (Rydal to Washington), Vernon Road (Rydal to Washington) and Homestead Road (York to Newbold) has been completed. AQUA's subcontractor, Caddick Utilities, is currently completing permanent restoration to roadway areas disturbed during water service and main installations. Final paving of the roadways will take place in 2020 on Vernon Road and 2021 on Newbold and Homestead Roads.
5. **2017 - 2040 Implementation Grant** - Vice President J. Conners stated the Borough has received the incorrect poles by the manufacturer and is working with the distributor to expedite the correct work order. A final grant extension was requested from the County to allow for this final delay. Additionally, Fire Marshal K. Lynch noted that one location / foundation will need to be redone as it was damaged in a traffic accident. The Borough is not responsible financially for the work.
6. **Verizon Pole Update** - Vice President J. Conners stated the PECO's subcontractor has removed all utility poles that had the wires detached. Currently, there are five (5) poles remaining that require wire transfer and removal. The Borough is still working with PECO to discuss the restoration of the poles as well as the restoration costs incurred by Public Works and the Borough.

Old Business

1. **2019 PECO Green Region Grant** – Vice President J. Conners noted that there are no new updates. The Borough applied for the 2019 PECO Green Region Grant. If awarded, the funding will assist with funding the ADA porous paving walkway at Cedar Street Moretti Park. Awards are now expected in Spring 2020.
2. **2019 PECO Green Region Grant Bonus Round** – Vice President J. Conners noted that there are no new updates. The Borough has applied for the 2019 PECO Green Region 15th Anniversary Bonus Round Grant. If awarded, the funding will assist with plantings at Cedar Street Moretti Park. Awards are expected in Summer 2020.
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) was issued a citation before the District Magistrate. The property owner is now working with Code Enforcement to comply.

4. **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 construction specs are being completed. Work will be covered by grant funding provided by the DCED (100K).
5. **Pa DEP 902 Grant – New trash/recycling truck** – Vice President J. Conners stated the truck body install is 98% complete. The truck is expected to be delivered by February 1st. This funding for this vehicle is provided through the DEP 902 grant in the amount of \$170k.
6. **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. The Borough is holding a conference call with the grant coordinator on Thursday January 9th to discuss the grant criteria. Project is set to begin in 2020.
7. **Noble Train Bridge Construction – SEPTA/PennDOT Project** - Vice President J. Conners stated there are no new updates. Last month, 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.

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