



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
February 12th, 2020
7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Councilor J. Lugar called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

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

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 demolition of the Cedar Street properties have been completed as well as the remediation. Currently, the Public Works Department has worked to remove the concrete garage slabs, while performing their other tasks.
- **Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan noted that the stormwater management controls have been completed on site.

New Business

1. **Act537 Plan – Cheltenham Township Sanitary Sewer Sale** – Councilor J. Lugar stated Borough Council and Planning Commission have reviewed the Act537. Additionally, the Act537 was reviewed by the Borough Engineer who provided a comment. Cheltenham Township is requesting that a resolution be passed adopting the Act 537 in February. President D. Pancoe and Councilor A. Khalil would like to add comments to the resolution regarding the Consent Decree that Cheltenham Township is currently experiencing. Borough Manager G. Locke and Engineer K. Hassan will be following up with Solicitor P. Hitchens regarding adding comments to the proposed Resolution.
2. **Sale of Borough PW Trash Truck** – Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that the trash truck was auctioned off as is for the sum of \$12,100. The funds were deposited in the 01 Fund and will be used towards the purchase of the new PW trash truck.

3. **Pa DEP 902 Grant – Purchase of New trash/recycling truck** – Councilor J. Lugar stated the truck body has been installed and the truck is at the Franconia MACK dealership having final preparations for delivery. The truck is expected to be delivered in February. The funding for this vehicle is provided through the DEP 902 grant in the amount of \$170k, DEP 904 grant in the amount of \$10,000 and proceeds from the sale of the former trash truck.
4. **2020 Road Paving Project** – Councilor J. Lugar highlighted the roads on this program include Vernon Road, Rydal Road to Washington Lane, and Hillside Avenue, Highland Avenue to Walnut Street. The deficient concrete is being marked and meetings with residents have been taking place. Letters are being distributed to residents explaining the requirements of the paving program.
5. **PECO Gas AGIMP 2020 Planned Infrastructure Improvements** - Councilor J. Lugar stated PECO is currently in year five of their twenty-year plan to replace and upgrade their gas main system. PECO has notified the Borough and Residents that they will be commencing this project in February and work will begin on Runnymede, Florence and Cheltena 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.
6. **EV Charging Stations** - Councilor J. Lugar noted the Borough was awarded \$9,000 for one charging station, two plugs, to be installed in the Town Square Leedom Street parking lot. An application for a \$1,000 rebate to PECO is being submitted for this project. Work is expected to commence in the Spring on this project.
7. **Aqua Pennsylvania Projects** - Councilor J. Lugar stated the AQUA water main replacement project on Newbold Road, Rydal Road to Washington Lane, Vernon Road, Rydal Road to Washington Lane, and Homestead Road, York to Newbold Roads, has been completed. AQUA has completed permanent restoration of 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.
8. **2017 - 2040 Implementation Grant** - Councilor J. Lugar stated the Borough has scheduled the Contractor to install the utility poles and complete the closeout paperwork. Manager Locke has met with Mr. Glanzmann about invoicing the \$10,000 donation to the project that he has pledged. This project will now be completed and closed out expeditiously.
9. **Verizon Pole Update** - Councilor J. Lugar 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.

Councilor A. Khalil and Mayor A. Dobbs noted that they have been working with local girl scouts and boy scouts to earn a scout service badge in Jenkintown. Preliminary designs have been provided to Council and these badges would be awarded during Council meetings. Continued discussion regarding these badges will take place during Committee meetings.

Old Business

1. **2019 PECO Green Region Grant** – Councilor J. Lugar noted that the Borough did receive the PECO Green Region Grant, however specific details have not been received to date. 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** – Councilor J. Lugar noted that unfortunately the Borough did not receive the PECO Green Region Grant Bonus Round, as there was only one project awarded in the entire county.
3. **2019 Paving Project** - Councilor J. Lugar noted the project has been completed and the close out documents have been completed. 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, but has since engaged a Contractor to perform the work. The property owner is now working with Code Enforcement to comply.
4. **2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant** - Councilor J. Lugar noted four test pits were dug 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) with a \$20,000 match. The project is expected to be bid in the Spring of 2020.
5. **DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) and the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Grants** - Councilor J. Lugar stated the Borough was awarded \$75,000 with the GTRP grant, for the construction of the Cedar Street Moretti Park. The demolition is complete and construction documents are expected to be bid in 2020.
6. **Noble Train Bridge Construction – SEPTA/PennDOT Project** - Councilor J. Lugar stated SEPTA has assigned a new project team and they are reviewing the existing plans prior to proceeding. This project is now expected to take place in the Spring 2021 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 Councilor J. Lugar, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.