



COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING

Wednesday March 20th, 2024

7:00 P.M.

700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

MINUTES

Call to Order: President J. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Council Members Present: Councilor A. Khalil, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor A. Bartlett, Councilor D. Ballard, President J. Connors, Councilor D. Pancoe, Councilor G. Lewis, Councilor S. Spindler, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor M. Marlowe

Council Members Absent: Councilor A. Narva, Vice President C. Soltysiak

Others Present: Mgr. G. Locke, Chief T. Scott, Mayor G. Lerman, Engineer M. Bickerton, Fire Chief K. Lynch, and Rich Garrett

Public Comment: Mary Jane Riley from West Avenue voiced her concern with landscapers' trucks parked along West Ave. She was troubled by the Public Relations firm used to deal with the police issues. She also asked if she was allowed to see the Chief's contract. Trish Breslin Miller brought up parking concerns on West Avenue and asked about having an increase in parking enforcement. Chief T. Scott responded accordingly. Gina Kaufman mentioned Immaculate Conception rents out spots for \$25/month. Alex from Beaver Hill commented about the police department issue. He asked if Council would define the comparable and about the deliberation of police negotiations. Councilor D. Pancoe asked if the notes from which he read could be shared with the Council members.

Reports

- Public Works Department – In J. Riggins absence, Mgr G. Locke gave the following updates:
 - On March 5th Peco has begun their Gas Main replacement project on the following roads (Wyncote Road from York Road to Summit Avenue, Summit Avenue from Township Line to Wyncote Road & York Road – Homestead Road to Spring Avenue). Peco's subcontractor Danella has started test digging and trenching on Wyncote Road at Washington Lane. Danella has been making significant progress although coming across many undocumented underground utilities that usually bring these types of projects to a halt. Despite these unforeseen issues as of March 15th subcontractor has installed 746 feet of 4-inch gas line and 120 feet of 2-inch gas line. So far, the crews have been very prompt and has kept open line of communication with PW Foreman and Borough Residents.
 - Over the last few months, the Borough has been dealing with parking and congested traffic issues on Homestead Road between Cottman Avenue and York Road. The Borough

Manager, Police Chief, Engineer and PW Foreman have been working diligently with coming up with a solution to these problems over the last month. We have an engineer approved plan to push parking back 75 feet from existing stop bar, we have already installed effective signage and the next step is thermoplastic striping for the road. The PW Foreman has received quote for said work and contractor has confirmed that work will begin as soon as the weather breaks.

- The Borough has also obtained two parking lots at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Cedar Street. These parking lots will be mainly used for permitted parking and Park Mobile Zoning. Public Works has picked up rubber parking blocks from Traffic Safety Store warehouse for safety issues in one parking lot with 12 spots. The next has been taken to order the proper signage and restripe the parking lot as soon as the weather allows to make these spaces safe and useful.
- PW Foreman has attended meetings with Pennoni Engineers about pedestrian crossing and underground storm for the Grocery Store. The Engineers and contractors have picked spots and poles for pedestrian crossing on Washington Lane to move forward with the ordering of poles and equipment which can be a process in itself as far as poles are concerns. As far as the underground stormwater work, the contractor is proposing a temporary detour for stormwater work on Washington due to the complexity of the work, and the presence of numerous, existing, adjacent utilities. This will keep the majority of detoured Washington traffic on signalized, PennDOT highways, and OFF Jenkintown's local road network. Washington would remain open for Local Traffic up to the work area, and access to adjacent properties will not be restricted.
- Borough Administrative Assistant and PW Foreman have met Anne Leavitt-Gruberger and Terence McMullen from the County Planning Commission to close out the Jenkintown School Extension Grant. This meeting was a Final Inspection at both intersections affected by the School Zone Extension Signals and Signage at school dismissal to evaluate if the equipment is operational and effective. We also discussed change orders and work done by the Borough to improve the sightline issues for signals at the busy intersections. As the final inspection was ending the County Planning Commission inquired about the York Road Traffic Calming Project and acknowledged the Borough request for reimbursements and requested a Final Inspection for that as well if the Borough was ready. Seizing the opportunity Borough Admin. and PW Foreman accompanied the County Planning Commission on York Road to go over signage, speed traps, rumble strips and other Traffic Calming methods. The County approved the work from both projects and will continue the process of reimbursement.
- Public Works has finally received long awaited F-600 dump truck. The dump truck was fully equipped with landscape body, stainless steel V-Box and 9-foot plow. The F-600 has been upfitted with decals and safety work lights has been put in service already.
- Engineer Report – Engineer M. Bickerton gave the following updates:
 - His office has been assisting with the closeout of 2 grant applications.
 - They also assisted with one new grant application.
 - They have been advancing the improvement of the traffic signal at Walnut & Runnymede.
 - His office has been overseeing all of the land development projects going on in the Borough.
- Police Department – Chief T. Scott gave the following updates:
 - Linda Bennett, our Parking Enforcement Officer, has decided to retire after seventeen years of service to the community as our full-time parking enforcement officer. Linda

has been a tremendous asset to the Police Department and the Community. Linda needed to spend more time with her family. We wish Linda a happy retirement and thank her for her service to the community.

- We will be posting two part-time parking enforcement officers in the next week. The goal would be to expand the hours of enforcement activities to include Saturday. We have already received interest from one of our current crossing guards for one of these positions.
 - The suspect who was identified for the theft from autos that occurred in January has been arrested. He turned himself in on the warrant that was issued.
 - The patrol vehicle that was involved in the accident is being repaired and we hope to have it back in two weeks. Additionally, we will be changing our original order for the hybrid patrol vehicle as a gas only vehicle this month. More information in the committee reports. We hope to have it outfitted and received by May or June.
 - We need two Crossing Guards to fill two vacancies. One is currently vacant to staff the York and West intersection, and the second will become vacant at the end of the school year. That location is Summit and Walnut. Filling these vacancies will help the Borough to have enough personnel to cover when there are temporary absences.
 - We are still collecting data from the speed signs on York Road and hope to present the statistical data in March. We placed a sign on Highland Ave by the School District to assess the speeds for possible traffic calming interventions. Residents are advised to drive slow, when dropping off and picking up students along that section of Highland Ave.
 - We will be presenting the statistical data from the speed signs to the Council at the Council meeting on March 27th.
 - The Chief has participated in three meetings to explain the current issues with the sustainability of the Police Department. He is offering to meet with individuals or small groups to address further issues.
 - Our Administrative Assistant is continuing to assist the Borough Administration with some finance tasks. She is taking on the responsibility of the Crossing Guards and the future part-time parking enforcement officers.
 - We will be working with our radio installer to erect a new antenna and install the new UHF repeater in the Borough. As part of that process, we will continue to create a network for the Borough Fire, Police, Public Works, and Emergency Management to communicate easily with the purchase of more portable and mobile radios. This upgrade will also allow for communication with all the municipalities in the east region of the County.
 - Once we have 3303 repaired and the new 3301 is received, we will be placing 33H1 and current 3301 out of service. We will be selling both vehicles to offset the costs of the new vehicle.
 - Through several Chief's meetings and other County level meetings, we were advised that the current 800 mhz radio system used for all emergency services in the County will have an end of life to expire in five years. The County is working to develop a plan for how that transition to a new radio system will occur. The price for the new portable radios that would be utilized in the new system has been estimated to be \$8000-\$10,000.00 per radio. The current portable radios cost \$4000-\$5000.00 now. The Borough will have to start planning for this transition and possibly saving money for the purchase of radios in the future.
- Jenkintown Fire Department – Chief K. Lynch gave the following updates:

- Recruitment is going well
- Profitable from grant process with 25 applications
 - **(00:41:37)** Councilor A. Khalil asked about training at Greenwood. Chief K. Lynch gave an explanation. **(00:42:45)** Councilor S. Spindler made a comment about adding information to our website regarding the Fire Department.
- Second Alarmers - Rich Garrett gave the following updates:
 - 40 requests for calls for service
 - 20 patients were transported to the hospital.
 - **(00:44:15)** Councilor A. Khalil asked about millage and Rich Garrett responded. **(00:45:44)** Councilor D. Ballard suggested a blast should be done to advertise registering with Second Alarmers.

New Business/Items for Discussion

1. Administration & Finance

a. Borough Monthly Reporting

The Borough Accountant completed the December reconciliation, and that financial report is available in the Borough Council packet. The 2024 budget has been uploaded to the financial software application and the Borough Accountant is working to be able to provide the monthly reports to Council along with the current Finance Manager who was brought in when the previous FM took another position in another Municipality the first week of January.

b. Borough 2023 Annual Audit

The Borough's auditor Barbacane, Thorton and Company LLP, has completed the onsite portion of the 2023 Borough audit and the Borough is working to complete the process.

c. ACT 511 Business Tax – Status Update

The closeout of 2023 financials have taken place. Reports of collections are being analyzed.

d. Multi-Purpose Facilities Program Funding Grant – Borough Hall and Facilities Update and Rehabilitation

Resolution #2024 - 13 was approved by Full Council, authorizing application to the Multi-Purpose Facilities Program Grant Fund. The grant application will be for \$930,000 and has no matching fund requirements. The application is expected to be submitted on April 1st and mirrors the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant application to update Borough Hall and Facilities for Accessibility, Energy Conservation, Environmental and safety of the occupants and visitors to Borough Hall. This application, if approved, would include a permanent emergency generator since Borough Hall is also the Emergency Operations Center.

e. TTF Watershed Grant Application – Request for Letter of Support

(00:49:08) Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor Pancoe, to move to full Council the issuance of a letter of support to TTF for their grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. **Motion Approved 10 – 0**

The Tookany -Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership is applying for Funding through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund to develop a TTF Watershed Action Plan and Services Agreement. The TTF has requested a letter of

support from Borough Council. There is no monetary implication to the Borough from this letter of support or grant opportunity. Copy of letter in packet.

f. **MONTCO 2040 Implementation Grant – Resolution 2024 -** Authorizing application for grant funding.**

(00:50:05) Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil to move to full Council Resolution 2024 -14 authorizing application of the MONTCO 2040 Implementation grant seeking funding in the amount of \$120,000 for the pedestrian and traffic light upgrades at Runnymede Avenue and Walnut Street.

(00:50:32) Engineer M. Bickerton commented on the details of this project:

Phased Approach: Phase I - \$65,000, Phase II – Pedestrian portion, Phase III – Signal improvement. **(00:51:51)** Councilor D. Pancoe asked about the radar. Engineer M. Bickerton explained. **Motion Approved 10 – 0**

2. Building Zoning & Revitalization

a. **Geo-Technology Associates Inc. – Contracted Construction Observation Services 93 York Road (Giant Store)**

(00:56:56) Councilor J. Bruno made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil to move to full Council the award of the construction observation and quality control contract to GTA, Quakertown for the 93 York Road, Giant store project. **(00:57:19)** Councilor S. Spindler asked if there were many bids. Mgr. G. Locke explained. **Motion Approved 10 – 0**

b. **Planning Commission**

Met on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 PM. The Design Review Board meets before the PC on the same evening, on an as needed basis. There are no projects on the DRB February agenda.

c. **Cedar Street / Greenwood Avenue Properties Planning**

MONTCO Planning memo provided on potential public engagement exercise. PC working to arrange tour through building and facilitate further planning sessions with public input.

(00:58:44) A discussion took place about the Cedar Street Garage property. **(01:02:10)**

Another discussion took place regarding Air BnBs/Short Term Rentals amongst Councilors A. Khalil, D. Pancoe, J. Bruno, and G. Lewis. Councilors A. Bartlett and D. Ballard as well as Mayor G. Lerman spoke to this issue. Councilor J. Bruno will reach out to Solicitor P. Hitchens.

d. **Current Development Update (01:23:59)**

i. **501 Washington Lane – Apartment building - 24 Apts w/ Commercial/Retail on 1st floor**

The Plans have been Recorded with the County. PaDep has approved the EDU allocation/release. All UCC permits have been issued except for the Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Plans which are under review.

ii. **821 Homestead Road – Proposed apartment building - 26 (1 & 2 bedroom) w/ Commercial/Retail on 1st floor**

The developer is working with the Borough Engineer and PECO to eliminate a utility conflict in the PennDOT right of way.

iii. **93 York Road – Jenkintown Commons Limited Partnership #3 and BAP Jenkintown, LLC – Grocery Store**

Excavations began Monday 3/18 for building foundations. All UCC Construction permits have been issued with the exception of Fire alarm, Fire sprinkler and Mechanical hood.

iv. 459/471 York Road – Retail / Apartments

The ZHB denied all variances requested on August 24th. Conditional Use hearing has been pulled by the applicant. An appeal to the ZHB decision has been filed. The applicant intends to submit revised plans.

v. 610 York Road – ‘Coffee Shop’ and ‘Dessert Shop’

No updates - Conditional Use approved for drive-through use, with conditions. ZHB granted variance for drive-thru window to be able to face a public street. Project requires Land Development, On-Site Zoning, UCC Construction and DEP sanitary sewer approvals.

vi. 610 York Road – Zoning & Use ‘Tiny Town’

No updates - Zoning & Use permit approved and PaDep EDU and UCC building applications have not been filed.

vii. 610 York Road – Zoning & Use ‘Dogtopia’

Doggie day Care permit approved. Design Professional has been in contact to discuss permitting requirements. No other permit applications have been received at this time.

(01:26:02) Councilor A. Khalil asked about Starbucks. Councilor J. Bruno explained where in the process the project is currently. Mgr. G. Locke also gave some details.

viii. 604 West Avenue Immaculate Church

EDU release request filed w/ Pa DEP. 3 (3-bedroom apts)

(01:27:12) Councilor D. Ballard made a comment about the current infrastructure projects in the Borough.

e. Electronic Submission of Permits and Billing

In the Borough’s continued effort to reduce the use of paper electronic submission and payment software solutions are being investigated. Admin staff are also developing fillable forms for the website and have been working with Xerox to obtain quotes to electronically store and archive all paper copies of permits, applications and plans.

3. Public Safety (President J. Connors gave the updates in Vice President C. Soltysiak’s absence)

a. Jenkintown Borough Public Safety Services – Strategic Planning and Community Concerns

Borough Council held a Special Community wide meeting on Monday 2/26 at the JSD to discuss ongoing efforts to evaluate services and costs of providing Public Safety / Police Services to the Borough. A second meeting was held on this subject for the residents of Beaver Hill Condominiums on Wednesday, March 6th at BHC. Collection of pertinent data will continue to take place and be evaluated for the purpose of development of a strategic plan. Council will continue to fulfill their responsibility to develop a strategic plan that is fiscally responsible and sustainable while also providing the highest quality of public safety services to our community. Future community informational meetings will be announced and held as additional tangible and updated information becomes available.

b. Fire Department - Updates

Chief Lynch reported change in badging on apparatus and equipment to Station #99 ongoing.

c. Fire Department Apparatus Replacement – 1996 Spartan Pumper

Chief Lynch presented his report of the Fire Department apparatus assessment at the January Fire Commission which includes prioritizing the replacement of the 1996 Spartan Pumper

with a used apparatus followed by the purchase of new equipment for the following Pumper apparatus and Fire Police vehicle.

d. **Fire Department Apparatus Assessment – Camarda Training and Consulting, Review/Recommendation**

The FD apparatus assessment review and recommendation contract with Camarda Training and Consulting, King of Prussia PA. was approved by the Council and signed into place. The process is expected to begin this month (3/24).

e. **Extension of Workers' Compensation Coverage per § 19-10 – Special Event Coverage**

(01:31:12) President J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe to extend workers' compensation issuance coverage per Borough Code section § 19-10 to the Jenkintown Fire Police working the Arts Festival and the 5K-Sunset Run. **(01:31:42)** Councilor A. Khalil asked if the JCA is paying for the police officers working during that event. **Motion Approved 10 - 0**

f. **Parking Ordinance Chapter 172 – Parking of Trailers on Borough and State Roads.**

Discussion on updating Ordinance to include parking of trailers on Borough and State roads. Various ordinances from neighboring Municipalities have been provided for discussion.

g. **Parking Ordinance Chapter 172 – No Parking Zone Homestead Road**

Traffic Engineer provided a plan of the Homestead / York Road intersection. The No Parking signage has been installed. The revised No Parking ordinance has been advertised and will come before Council for consideration of adoption next week. The pavement markings are being quoted and a Contractor will be hired to install the gore striping.

h. **Police Interceptor – 2023 Hybrid Explorer (proposed #3301).**

Ordered in 2022 to replace the PD Cruiser 33H1. UPDATE – Ford has notified the Borough that the Explorer Hybrids may not be built in 2024 due to re-tooling of the Explorer plant that has been relocated to Chicago. Delivery of Hybrid Interceptors could be as late as early 2025. Due to this excessive delay and uncertainty in the manufacturing of the Hybrid Explorer Interceptor it is now proposed to revise this vehicle purchase to a regular gas Explorer Interceptor model. The COSTAR dealer has ordered 30 additional gas model vehicles expected to be delivered in April 2024 and they have offered to allow the Borough to exchange the Hybrid order for the regular gas model. The vehicle and upfit quotes are provided in your packet and the administration would like to move forward with this vehicle purchase. The vehicle payment was budgeted to begin in April of the 2024 budget.

i. **Police, Public Safety & Emergency Management Multi Use Vehicle - Proposed #3305**

The vehicle was picked up early once it had been fitted w/ the plow to assist PW during snow emergencies. Chief Scott assisted with plowing duties on streets and Boro parking lots during three storms thus far. This vehicle has not undergone the installation of the Police Department Equipment and has not been placed in service as the Police, PS & EM Multi Use Vehicle because of a new grant available to cover the entire cost of the vehicle.

The grant application has been submitted through the Department of Economic Development for the Funding of this Police, Public Safety & Emergency Management Multi-Use Vehicle.

- i. Should the funding be approved, the initial F250 bought for this purpose has/will not be upfit w/ PD equipment and will be assigned to the Public Works Department, specifically to Foreman Riggins. Foreman Riggins's current work vehicle (F250) will remain in the PW fleet replacing the 2004 Ford Ranger service truck which has been out of service for an extended period of time. The Ford Ranger will be sold to help offset the cost of the new equipment.

j. **Police Vehicle #3303 – temporarily out of service**

This vehicle was damaged in a vehicular accident. The officer was not injured, but the vehicle sustained major damage, is temporarily out of service and repairs are being processed through the insurance company.

k. **York Road Traffic Calming Plan**

The traffic calming plan has been completed with signage, rumble strips, thermoplastic striping and pavement markings installed. Recommendation for final payment is elsewhere on the agenda this month. Traffic counts and speed study information is being analyzed and will be reported on at this Committee.

4. **Public Works**

a. **Town Square Project(s)**

- Gazebo rehab, Eagle Scout Project discussion/planning.
- Information Kiosk – rehab update given by Mgr. G. Locke.

b. **2024 Road Paving Project**

Limits of paving has been delineated as Walnut Street (Washington lane to Greenwood Avenue). Letters have been sent to all properties within the paving project.

All curbs and sidewalks on the project have been inspected for code compliance and deficient concrete has been marked. Foreman Riggins has met with several property owners and overall the response has been very positive.

c. **The 2024 PECO Gas Main Replacement Project**

Affected roads York Road (Homestead to Rodman) and Wyncote Road (Train Station to York Road). This project began on Wyncote Road. PECO will be sending information to the customers and the Borough will be updating the project through social media and at Committee/Council meetings.

d. **Proposed Line Striping (Phase two)**

The list of areas proposed to be striped under the 2nd phase of this public safety project is in the Council meeting packet.

e. **PW Dump Truck F-600**

This truck was delivered and had been upfitted w/ plow, salt spreader and dump body. The truck replaced truck #23 GMC 2007 Dump Truck which has been decommissioned and is intended to be sold to offset purchase of the replacement vehicle.

f. **2021 PaDep 902 Grant (Cycle 60 Application) – Leaf Collection Trailer**

Borough issued purchase order to reserve leaf trailer purchase and avoid price increase, expect to receive trailer in March 2024 and pay, wait 60/90 days for reimbursement from PaDEP. The existing leaf collection trailer will be sold to offset the cost of the replacement collection trailer.

g. **CDBG Grant - ADA Curb Ramps**

Approximately 22 ADA ramps on Vernon, Homestead and Newbold Roads. The grant is for \$200,000 and has no matching fund requirement.

h. **Greenwood and Washington Lane – Phase 2 of the Jenkintown/Abington Connections Project**

Intersection and traffic light at Greenwood/Washington Lane and Storm Water Washington Lane has been substantially completed. The borough will owe \$117K grant match to Abington once the project has been completed.

(01:43:31) Councilor M. Marlowe asked about paving delays.

Ongoing Business

5. Administration & Finance

a. **Interceptor 'A' Construction Project Billing Closeout w/Cheltenham**

No Update. 31K Payment made to Cheltenham Township as fair payment of JB monies owed while bill is finalized. Abington Township and Jenkintown Borough are now in agreement with the resolution offered by Cheltenham Township to close out this project. The Borough has been asked to provide proof of a payment made years ago for the Act 537 Plan that Cheltenham worked on (but never submitted to the PaDEP). That payment was approximately \$50,000 and efforts are being made to provide proof of payment to resolve that open issue that has been brought to our attention.

b. **Borough IT Services**

The transition from DropBox to Sharepoint has taken place. This transition will be at a savings of approximately \$4,000 annually.

c. **Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant - Submitted**

No update - This grant application was submitted prior to the deadline. Senator Haywood and Representative Nelson both wrote letters of recommendation. It has no match requirement, will be in the range of 900K, and will be used to update Borough Hall and Facilities for Accessibility, Energy Conservation, Environmental and safety of the occupants and visitors to Borough Hall.

d. **Borough Financial, Billing and Building Code Software Applied Microsoft System**

No update - The Borough admin team has been attending training on AMS as well as investigating other software solutions used by other Municipalities. Information will be brought to the Committee once it is vetted.

e. **Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – Keystone Alliance Consulting**

No Update - Needs to be completed with Keystone using latest Construction estimates from Aqua Pennsylvania. Once completed a fair and sustainable sewer rate can be confirmed.

f. **Website – Upgrades Continue**

Grant pages being updated. EAC and Public Works pages were updated this month. Several updates have taken place in the last few weeks. The ADA test result returned a 100% rating for the first time since the ADA accessibility project began.

(00:54:13) Councilor S. Spindler gave comments about the website. Councilor A. Khalil thanked Felicity Smith for her feedback.

g. **Collection Efforts of Past Due Solid Waste Accounts**

Efforts are ongoing and the collection program is returning positive results for the solid waste fund balance. Approximately \$30,500 of past due debt has been collected thus far. We anticipate a very large lien to be paid in the next month or two when the location is sold.

h. **Large Commercial Property Reassessment Case**

Judge's decision was issued. Payment plan was negotiated with property owner by Borough Solicitor. Payments will take place in April of 2024 2025 and 2026.

(00:56:09) Councilor A. Khalil commented about the collections.

6. Building Zoning & Revitalization

a. Short Term Rental of Property Ordinance

Still under discussion at the Planning Commission. Air BnB type rentals being discussed at PC and information provided by County Planner for discussion.

b. Parking Lot Leases – Greenwood/Cedar Lots

Leases have been signed. Parking blocks and signage have been ordered. Parking access will be available through the Park-Mobile app and monthly passes through the Borough.

7. Public Safety

a. PennDOT / Multi-Municipal Coordination Meeting

Did not take place this month, No updates.

b. Traffic Light Upgrade Runnymede and Walnut Street

Grant was Awarded, Contract w/ Grant Authority Signed - Green Light Go Fund applied for with PennDOT to begin upgrades to this traffic-controlled intersection. The system is over 50 years old. This upgrade will improve the safety and was designed to be within the Borough's limited budget. The traffic study required by PennDOT has taken place.

- The Green Light Go Grant will provide for phase one (\$64,000) of this approximately \$450,000 project. The Borough has been working with the Borough Traffic Engineer to identify additional grant funding sources for this project.

The MONTCO 2040 appears to be a good match for this project as the next phases will greatly improve pedestrian safety, vehicular safety and overall safety to the general public who traverse this intersection. All four corners will receive handicap accessible ramps and the current traffic poles mounted in the sidewalk reducing the width of the pedestrian path would be removed and set behind the walk, but still in the right of way. Further discussion will be needed, and the Borough Traffic Engineer will be providing plans and information to be disseminated to residents.

(01:39:40) Councilor D. Pancoe made a comment about the Police negotiations for contract.

8. Public Works

a. SEPTA - Flood Mitigation, Stream Restoration Project (Update)

The work for the creek restoration and flood mitigation work had been on hold and has been restarted. The Jack and Bore Operation began January 8th. This round-the-clock work is expected to take approximately 21 days to complete. SEPTA gave two weeks' notice of the start date to adjacent property owners.

Additionally, the excavation of the detention basin behind the properties on Runnymede Avenue is scheduled to begin the week of March 29th. The work also included tree clearing and grading. All work is scheduled to be completed by the end of February, weather permitting.

b. Newbold / Vernon Roads – Proposed Bike Share Lanes and Signage

Abington received the grant and will be working with the Borough to install signage and pavement markings for the roads included - Abington Township has submitted a MONTCO Grant application for share / bike lanes with pavement markings and signage. The plans connect Washington Lane to Rydal Road through Newbold Road and Vernon Roads as part of the larger MONTCO/Township coordinated effort on Bike paths.

c. 2018 DCED Grant Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant

No Update. Extension was granted for an additional year. Project must be bid. Discussions with 501 Washington Lane and 93 York Road have taken place. There is a 15% match with

this grant. Borough must pay periodic Construction payments and file for re-imbursments from County grant authority approximately \$100K.

d. **Noble Bridge Replacement PennDOT – Septa Project**

No Update. Project will now be let at the end of 2023 and will tentatively take place in the Spring of 2024.

e. **Cloverly and Rodman Avenues Proposed Four Way Stop Signs**

No Update. (01:47:28) Upon Councilor D. Pancoe asking if this is a joint project with Abington, Mgr. G. Locke provided an explanation.

Other Business

(01:48:55) Maureen Lucak (EAC) made the following comments:

- Dog feces concerns
- Asked about producing a flyer regarding the damage it causes.

A discussion about this concern took place amongst Councilors A. Khalil, D. Ballard, President J. Connors, Maureen Lucak and Chief T. Scott.

Adjournment: President J. Connors adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.