

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** for March 2018 was held this evening, Chairman J. Andrew Sharkey, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Rappoport, Brockington, Pransky and Zygmund-Felt. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Norris.

Staff members present were Christopher Clewell, Public Works Superintendent; Hank Wacker, Sewer Superintendent; Edward Joseph Stuckert, Street Lighting and Traffic Signal Superintendent; Michael Fleming, Public Works Coordinator; Mark Eisold, Township Engineer; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager. Also present was Joseph M. Bagley, Esq., Township Solicitor. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. and mentioned the following points, prior to the regular Agenda items:

- He thanked the Public Works Department for their work during the challenging weather events last week. Mr. Sharkey also asked Mr. Clewell to provide the Township Administration with a list of anything that would help, i.e., more portable stop signs, generators for traffic signals, etc. Mr. Sharkey also commended staff for bringing on our own staff electrician, Mr. Stuckert, who aided in the storm efforts.
- He asked that a concept for expanding the public works salt shed be discussed.
- It was a consensus of the Committee to keep the Waverly Road Compost Facility open an additional two hours, until 4 p.m., the next three Saturdays to help residents clean up after recent storms.
- Moving or going around barricades blocking off roads is unacceptable. It is extremely dangerous and puts residents and our Public Safety and Public Works personnel and at risk.
- A meeting is tentatively scheduled with PECO, along with other municipalities, to discuss storm response time and the coordination of efforts.

1. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Highway Department for the month of February 2018 was received.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Refuse Department for the month of January 2018 was received.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Parks Maintenance Department for the month of February 2018 was received.

4. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Sewer Department for the month of February 2018 was received.

5. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Code Administrator for the month of February 2018 was received.

6. Upon review of the Report of the Street & Traffic Light Superintendent, the following items were discussed:

- Ms. Rappoport inquired about the recurrent outages in the Limekiln Pike / Greenwood Avenue intersection. Mr. Stuckert explained that he has been to the intersection many times to diagnose and correct the problem – which is different every time. As a result, he has scheduled a representative of the manufacture to look at the equipment. Unfortunately, the intersection is still on generator due to the storms and he will need to be rescheduled, once it is back on the grid.
- Mr. Stuckert stated the family who experienced a fire at 8145 Limekiln Pike has been in touch with the Red Cross.
- A meeting regarding LED installations took place with the contractor for review of the punch list items to be completed.
- Mr. Pransky inquired about the status of PECO issues in the La Mott area. Mr. Stuckert mentioned that before the storms, photo cells were replaced. He is not aware of any lights not working at this time.
- Mr. Brockington inquired about a broken pole on Parkview Avenue, which Mr. Stuckert said was due to be replaced the day of the first snow storm and has been pushed back until PECO is caught up from the storms.

7. Report on Greenwood Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Fleming explained that the project is planned to start in the spring of 2019, and the proposed detour will utilize Route 309, Limekiln Pike and Church Road – all state highways. Mr. Fleming was asked to contact PennDOT and arrange a meeting with Township staff and Commissioner Rappoport to discuss the potential impact of the detour. Commissioner Rappoport is concerned that motorists will use Rices Mill Road instead and suggested that certain traffic calming measures may be necessary to mitigate negative effects on neighborhood traffic, particularly those vehicles traveling to local schools and the train station.

8. Review of Proposal for Extra Collection of Christmas Trees in 2019. Mr. Clewell discussed a proposal to prevent trees lying on streets in the month of February. Mr. Havar stated the cost to work the additional two weekends would be \$5,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Committee unanimously authorized two additional Christmas tree collection days in 2019.

9. Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Shade Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2018, were received.

10. La Mott Board of Historical and Architectural Review Meeting. The February 18, 2018 meeting cancelled.

11. Wyncote Board of Historical and Architectural Review Meeting, The February 18, 2018 meeting cancelled.

12. Mr. Sharkey introduced and welcomed Mr. Mark Eisold, Township Engineer. Mr. Eisold gave his history as a member of Boucher & James' firm since 1985 doing municipal-type work and looked forward to working with Cheltenham Township.

Upon review of the Sanitary Sewer Status Update, the following items were discussed:

- a. The second part of the lateral inspection ordinance must be reported in the semi-annual update to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), due March 31, 2018. The Township sent a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requesting an extension to the March 31, 2018 deadline until the Township determines whether or not it will retain the sewer system.
- b. Interceptor "A" work in February included:
 - Continued clearing, grubbing and stakeout from the fire training area through Gimbel Field;
 - Controlled blasting of rock near fire training area toward Carter Lane;
 - Test drilling along project length to determine areas of rock. Mr. Zygmund-Felt inquired about additional areas of rock blasting for future notification to residents. Mr. Eisold said he would follow up with field personnel.
 - Continued installing pipe from fire training area towards New Second Street;
 - Replaced portion of existing outflow pipe from junction box at terminus of project.

Mr. Sharkey asked if it would be plausible to maintain some of the bypass equipment, should the Township maintain ownership of the system. Mr. Eisold answered yes, if there is a place store it.

- c. Tookany Creek Parkway and surrounding recreation areas continue to be closed for the remainder of the winter due to safety issues.
- d. A meeting was held on February 12 with five residents from the 7800 block of Mill Road to review upcoming Interceptor replacement work, as it pertains to their properties. Mr. Zygmund-Felt stated two additional residents attended last night's follow-up meeting. Out of the 18 residential properties affected, seven property owners showed up and proceeded with the easement. Mr. Bagley added that some property owners have contacted him directly.
- e. An Interceptor "A" Reforestation Plan for portions of Tookany Creek Parkway was prepared by the Shade Tree Advisory Commission. The plan will be implemented as part of the project restoration.
- f. Cheltenham Village CCTV Inspection and Repairs Project – closeout documents are being reviewed. Two flow meters have been replaced and are collecting data.
- g. Glenside CCTV Inspection and Repairs Project (see status spreadsheet attached to Agenda).

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Hyslop, 211 Harrison Avenue, Glenside, asked whether there would be time to comment on the Phase II Lateral Inspection Ordinance prior to the March 31 deadline; how the reforestation of the Tookany Creek Parkway would be handled; if the amount of grout used on the Glenside CCTV project was normal; and the longevity of the grout.

Ms. Rhonda Genzink Isser of Lateral Solutions asked whether a report for the Cheltenham Village CCTV project would be released; how much the change order for the new pipe under the creek for the Interceptor "A" project would cost; and stated that residents are appreciative of the additional meetings and information coming out from the Township.

Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, unanimously approved by the Committee, the Sanitary Sewer Status Update was received.

13. Consideration of Contract for the 2017 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project. Mr. Eisold stated five bids were received on February 22, 2018. The lowest bid was that of Insituform Technologies, LLC of Chesterfield MO, with a local office in West Chester, PA, in the amount of \$107,504.50.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt and Mr. Norris asked for assurances that proper controls were put in place to limit the Township's exposure to additional costs. Mr. Eisold stated he would speak with the contractors to ask tough questions up front. Mr. Wacker stated all the work had been tv'd, which should significantly reduce the chance of surprises.

Public Comment

Ms. Rhonda Genzink Isser suggested the Township consider lump sum contracts.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Norris, unanimously approved by the Committee, it was recommended that the Board of Commissioners award a Contract for the 2017 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project to Insituform Technologies, LLC of Chesterfield MO, with a local office in West Chester, PA, in the amount of \$107,504.50, being the lowest responsible bidder within budgetary limitations per bids received on February 22, 2018, as recommended by staff.

14. Consider an amendment to the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for 1333 Cheltenham Avenue, Elkins Park, PA. Mr. Eisold provided explained that since the original planning module was approved, the applicant added a new use to the building (a karaoke bar in the lower portion of the building), which increased flows. The additional use has been reviewed by Boucher & James, which agrees on the actual flows needed.

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Harold Lichtman, representative for the applicant, if the applicant would pay uncharged fees for EDUs used by the applicant that were not allocated, based on previous data. Mr. Lichtman answered yes, if justifiable.

Mr. Pransky stated there is a prevailing problem, generally speaking, that businesses perform work before getting it approved, and felt there should be severe penalty on top of that action, referring to it as a deliberate omission. Mr. Lichtman acknowledged that his client made a horrendous mistake in not getting permits, when he did the renovation, but has paid the price and paid double fees requested by the Township, and has had the space vacant for six months. Mr. Lichtman stated he has been asked by the Township Engineer in consultation to get this cleaned up, and that was the purpose of him coming before the Committee. Ms. Rappoport did not view this as an accident and wanted to know if Cheltenham Business Privilege Taxes had been paid, with concerns of misrepresentation.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, it was recommended by a 5-1 vote that the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution amending the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for 1333 Cheltenham Avenue, Elkins Park. (Ayes – Brockington, Norris, Pransky, Sharkey, Zygmund-Felt. Nays – Rappoport.)

15. Consider a request from Westminster Theological Seminary, 2960 Church Road, Glenside, to route sewage flows to Springfield Township. Mr. Eisold stated that if the Township supports this idea, the next step would be to adopt a Resolution supporting this concept. The feasibility of this has not yet been determined. Mr. Sharkey stated that sending flows to Springfield would be more expensive, but that Springfield has the capacity that Cheltenham does not. Mr. Bagley asked if there is any potential future revenue that would be lost on other Cheltenham properties. Mr. Eisold stated he would verify. Mr. Sharkey recommended the Township Engineer have such conversation with Springfield Township and to inform the Seminary.

16. Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes of the Environmental Advisory Council were received.

17. Mr. Havir provided an update on Request for Bids (RFB) to purchase the Cheltenham Township Sanitary Sewer System. He stated the bids are due March 23, 2018. When the bids come in, there will be an internal review. If determined to be worthwhile to have further discussion at that point, Public Hearings will be held to solicit public comment. The three bidders were American Water, Aqua, and Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. This topic will be listed on the agenda next month.

Public Comment

Edie Cerebi, 300 Maple Avenue, Wyncote expressed concern that residents are not aware of all the options. Mr. Sharkey explained that the only options are to remain status quo or sell the system. Mr. Sharkey stated information would be put on the Township website when it is available. Ms. Cerebi would like the Township to make as much information available to residents ahead of time so residents can be prepared to have an intelligent conversation prior to the Commissioners voting on the potential sale.

Mr. Sharkey mentioned that the Township is selling the sanitary sewer system, not the drinking water system.

18. Old Business – None.

19. New Business – Mr. Havar announced that an open house will be held at the Jenkintown-Wyncote Train Station on Tuesday March 27, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as part of the outreach effort to discuss accessibility improvements. Outreach will include sending out email blasts, reaching out to the Jenkintown Borough, posted notices in train stations and shelters (see attached).

20. Citizens' Forum:

A. Mr. Ami Profeta, Elkins Park, is a handicapped resident and expressed dissatisfaction that residents are not clearing the sidewalks near his residence to enable him to get to work. Mr. Sharkey said this is a recurring issue and that the Township does everything in its power to enforce shoveling rules; however, citations are not always passed down from District Court to discourage this behavior. Mr. Clewell clarified that property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks, handicap ramps and curb cuts to the street on their property. On public property, the Township is responsible for clearing the sidewalk and ramps. Mr. Clewell asked Mr. Profeta to send him his route and he will send notices to residents along his route to let them know the importance of clearing the snow quickly and cleanly.

B. Mr. Robert Hyslop, 211 Harrison Avenue, Glenside, asked for clarification on a sewer pipe material, expressed concern that the weather-related closings of the Library were not appropriately publicized, and asked about the Township notifying property owners about dangerous trees.

C. Ms. Rappoport made mention of a SEPTA helicopters that were in the area and thought residents should be notified. She asked Mr. Havar to contact SEPTA to request appropriate advanced notice so residents can be notified.

21. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Pransky, unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

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PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST

Public Works Committee @ 7:30PM
Building and Zoning Committee @ 8:00PM

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND



JENKINTOWN-WYNCOTE STATION
OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

4:00PM – 7:00PM

**OLD JENKINTOWN STATION BUILDING
2 GREENWOOD AVENUE, JENKINTOWN**

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:
JENKINTOWN-WYNCOTE STATION
ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

- *Designs for new high-level platforms & canopies*
- *Vehicular and pedestrian access, parking, and drop-off areas*
- *Renderings and architectural options*
- *Project schedule*

EVERYONE WELCOME

**INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL WENDY GREEN-HARVEY at (215) 580-7334**