

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Hecker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners HECKER, ROTHMAN (7:07 p.m.), ZAPPONE, BOWMAN, BRODSKY

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, SANCHEZ, DiPLACIDO, GILLESPIE, SCHREIBER, MYERS, VAHEY, THOMPSON

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Brodsky made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 Public Works Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

PRESENTATION:

SEPTA Jenkintown Flood Mitigation Project:

Dennis Stefanski, PE, Program Manager-Special Projects EM&C introduced Wendy Green-Harvey from SEPTA's Government Affairs Office and gave a power point presentation on SEPTA's Resiliency Program noting that a small portion of the Jenkintown Area Flood Mitigation project will affect Abington Township. This is from Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund Appropriation's Act and this particular project is a \$15 million construction project with \$20 million total project cost. Design process has been for the past two years and most of the work will be done in Cheltenham Township and a small portion in Abington.

Scope of work includes new box culverts; rainwater detention systems and reinforcements to Washington Lane Bridge. SEPTA have been working with Army Corp of Engineers and DEP as there are multiple projects being done in this area. We were at 30% design and have progressed to 60%; however, we are holding off until a feasibility study is released by the Army Corp of Engineers as we want to be sure there is no overlap.

The only area affected in Abington Township is north of Jenkintown Station off of Jenkintown Road and Walnut Avenue across from the right-of-way of our substation. We will focus on establishing a drainage basin so when there is a big storm this will account for all of the flow coming down our tracks from Baeder Run into Tacony Creek.

This area will strictly be on SEPTA's right-of-way and no additional property will need to be acquired. This basin will drain within 24-hours and we will install new cross drains that will take the water back across the tracks to Tacony Creek.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Vahey asked about construction impact on adjacent property owners.

Mr. Stefanski replied there should be no direct impact to their properties as we will be working up to the property line. Also, he will be speaking with adjacent property owners about the project.

Commissioner Vahey said he would like to be advised and involved with this project every step of the way.

Commissioner Kline asked for construction timeframe.

Mr. Stefanski replied he hopes the project will be done by next year as this will be the first area to be addressed.

Commissioner Kline said this project needs to be catalogued as it could affect Wissahickon TMDL Study in regards to MS4 requirements and to make sure that when the project is completed that all three municipalities get credit for this work.

Commissioner Hecker invited Mr. Stefanski to a future meeting when the project is further along in design for an updated presentation.

Item PW-01-061418:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve final payment in the amount of \$65,728.73 to Almeida & Hudak Contractors, LLC upon receipt of a satisfactory one-year maintenance bond.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Ms. Montgomery noted that cost of project came in under original contract price.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked about this project.

Ms. Montgomery replied this was Phase I of 2017 capital storm sewer projects.

Commissioner Kline questioned whether the money saved from this project could be repurposed for other stormwater management projects or used for projects other than that type of project.

Manager Manfredi replied yes, by Board approval.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PW-02-061418:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to approve the no cost transfer of funds associated with Supplement F (Agreement No. 06132-F) with PennDOT for the Edge Hill Road and Tyson Avenue Reconstruction and Flood Control Project.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Hecker asked for any general comments relating to Public Works.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, thanked Mr. Pontelandolfo and his staff for fixing the roads.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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