

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Rothman, Chairman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners ROTHMAN, BOWMAN, ZAPPONE, BRODSKY, CARSWELL

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Director of Engineering MONTGOMERY

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 Public Works Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PW-02-101118:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to transfer \$20,000.00 from Account No. 07-07-566-7523 (Sump Pump – Connections) to Account No. 07-07-566-7525 (Engineering Study – Monroe/Penn Avenue).

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Manager Manfredi said there has been concern expressed by Commissioners Zappone and Thompson about how to address flooding in this area, so staff is recommending transferring funds from one account to another to pay for an engineering study to be done immediately and then the work would be performed on Monroe and Penn Avenues. Photos were provided showing flooding of the area.

Ms. Montgomery said study would consist of areas that contribute to the drainage area where the issues are located as well as the area around it making sure there are no adverse effects in the area between Jackson Avenue, the boundary of Upper Dublin and Jenkintown.

Commissioner Thompson asked for the committee's support on this measurer as there has been property damage on Monroe Avenue.

Ms. Montgomery clarified there used to be an actual stream in which over time has become mostly piped, but the water still seeps through.

Commissioner Zappone said this area has been flooding since 1996, and during that time, two residents' lives were lost and then there was another major flood in 2001. The water from Edge Hill Road flows down Tyson through the cemetery flooding out Ardsley. When will this study be done and how long will it take?

Ms. Montgomery replied when the Board approves transfers of funds from one account to another and then we will reach out to consultants to get the work done and come to a mutual agreeable timeframe.

Commissioner Gillespie clarified that the previous work done on Edge Hill/Tyson will be taken into consideration with this study. Is that correct?

Ms. Montgomery replied yes, we will provide that information from PennDOT's consultants to Township's consultants.

Vice President Kline questioned whether the majority of it was piped by Township staff or was it done privately? What about easements to the creek bed?

Ms. Montgomery replied the Township has piped some of it, but she does not know if the Township did all of that work. Some of it is Township-owned; however, we will need to get access for the other part of the property.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, requested that the “general fund reflect the transfer.”

David Forbes, 655 Monroe Avenue, expressed concern about his flooded-out property and provided photos to the Board.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern about public speaking rules.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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