

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Rothman presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:14 p.m.

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

Township Manager MANFREDI  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Director of Public Works -  
PONTELANDOLFO/BARRON

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, THOMPSON, VAHEY (7:46 p.m.), GILLESPIE, WINEGRAD, SPIEGELMAN, MYERS

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to approve minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of February 6, 2019.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

**PRESENTATION:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Item PW-01-031419:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to accept the 2018 Montgomery County Transportation Program Implementation Grant and authorize the Township Manager to execute the grant agreements between the County of Montgomery and Abington Township for:

Project Number: TP-18-01-009 – 2017 Green Light Go Grant – Fitzwatertown/Woodland/North Hills Signal Upgrade Project.

Project Number: TP-18-01-001 – 2018 Green Light Go Grant – Greenwood Avenue/  
Washington Lane and Jenkintown Road/Meetinghouse Road Signal Upgrade Project.

Mr. Barron said these grants from Montgomery County covers half of Township's match.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Bowman clarified that these projects are to upgrade the traffic lights at those locations. Is that correct?

Mr. Pontelandolfo replied that is correct.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Items PW-02-031419; PW-03-031419; PW-04-031419; PW-05-031419:

Mr. Pontelandolfo read Items PW-02-031419; PW-03-031419; PW-04-031419; PW-05-031419 into the record as follows:

Consider a motion to award Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc. as lowest responsible bidder of Part I and Part 3 of the Super-Pave Bid and to authorize the Township Manager to execute a contract with Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc. in the amount of \$1,100,850.00 for the purchase and delivery of Super-Pave paving materials as per bid specifications.

Consider a motion to award Glasgow Inc. as lowest responsible bidder of Part 2 of the Super-Pave Bid and to authorize the Township Manager to execute a contract with Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$28,020.00 for the purchase of Super-Pave paving materials as per bid specifications.

Consider a motion to award Delaware Valley Concrete Co. Inc. as lowest responsible bidder and to authorize the Township Manager to execute a contract with Delaware Valley Concrete Co. Inc. in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the purchase and delivery of Ready Mix Concrete as per the bid specifications.

Consider a motion to award Commonwealth Precast, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the 2019 Storm Sewer Inlets and Manhole Structures Bid and authorize the Township Manager to execute a contract for \$2,415.00 with Commonwealth Precast, Inc.

Consider a motion to award A. Giuliani & Co. Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the Abington Township 2019 Milling Project Bid and to authorize the Township Manager to execute a contract with A. Giuliani & Co. Inc. in the amount of \$466,741.96 for the milling of various Township roads as per bid specifications.

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to approve Items PW-02-031419; PW-03-031419; PW-04-031419; PW-05-031419 as read into the record by Mr. Pontelandolfo as listed on the agenda.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PW-06-031419:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to approve Resolution No. 19-012, a resolution of Abington Township, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing a procedure to vacate roadways.

Lauren Gallagher, Assistant Legal Counsel, explained that the Township received a request to vacate a portion of a roadway and there was no procedure set up for that, so we put together a procedure per requirements of First Class Township Code and MPC (Municipalities Planning Code). Petition to vacate must be submitted to the Township by 51% of adjoining property owners; application fee is \$200 along with requirement of \$1,000 escrow deposit to cover any costs for the Township.

Commissioner Rothman asked for an example of why someone would request for Township to vacate a roadway.

Ms. Gallagher replied typically a request would be made if a property owner wants to expand their driveway or yard into that paper street property and requests the Township to vacate the property back to the property owner, so therefore the Township would not require that street to be opened in the future.

Commissioner Myers said the Township has vacated paper streets previously, and what would be an example of vacating a street that is not a paper-street?

Ms. Gallagher replied there are two parts to the policy; one is for a request by a property owner and the other is that the Township could vacate a street turning it back over to a property owner for any repair/maintenance in the future.

Commissioner Myers clarified that it would then become a private road and the homeowner would be responsible for paving, etc. Is that correct?

Ms. Gallagher replied yes.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Barron provided a video of snow removal operations by Public Works Department.

Mr. Pontelandolfo explained that there are seven tandem routes that begin at once with six/seven trucks plowing snow through the streets of Abington. Depending on the time of when the storm hits, there may be delays due to schools letting out early, businesses closing early, etc., so there is gridlock in every direction. There are over 200 miles of roadway to plow; 184 miles of Township roads; 18 miles of State and three miles of County. Township is paid to plow State and County roadways, which is better because we get it done immediately making it safer for residents. Main roads are plowed first and then the secondary roadways. During every storm, he reviews procedures with staff including trying not to block in driveways already shoveled, etc., but there are tricky areas where that cannot be avoided.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Gillespie commended staff of Public Works Dept. as they do a fantastic job. Posted in her newsletter to residents is a request to please share driveways, which makes it easier for snowplowing when vehicles are off narrow roadways.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any public comments.

Tanya Granger, 1574 Lindbergh Avenue, Roslyn, said she lives on a corner property and she thanked Commissioner Rothman for communicating with her this week. Her concern is the handicapped ramps on the corner and she receives emails about making sure the corners are cleared, but unfortunately because how the plowing is done, the handicapped ramps are blocked by snow.

Commissioner Rothman clarified that it is the homeowners' responsibility to provide a path for ingress, egress. Is that correct?

Mr. Pontelandolfo replied that is correct. That is part of the sidewalk area and homeowners are responsible to clear it. He will take a look at the situation at 1574 Lindbergh Avenue.

Joanne Tressler, 616 Roslyn Avenue, Glenside, said her block does not have any curbs/sidewalks or drainage and that brings her property value down, and there has been no resolution.

Commissioner Rothman suggested that ward Commissioner and Township Manager review this further with the resident.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Works:**

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, thanked Mr. Pontelandolfo for doing a wonderful job.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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