

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Hecker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners HECKER, FARREN, KLINE, MYERS, ROTHMAN

Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, SANCHEZ, MARKMAN, DiPLACIDO, ZAPPONE, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, SPIEGELMAN, KALINOSKI

MINUTES: Commissioner Farren made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Rothman to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 Public Works Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Bid Award – Consortium Street Sign Posts and Materials for 2017/2018 – bid opening March 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Rothman to accept the lowest responsible bids and enter into contracts with the following companies for the purchase of materials as shown:

Sign Posts Material

Aluminum Blanks Material

Reflective Roll Goods – Type III Material

Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces – Finished Signs – Type III Material

Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces – Type III Material Hot Tape Pavement Markings

Miscellaneous Items

Commissioner Hecker called on Mr. Micciolo, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Micciolo said the bids will be opened on March 2nd. The Township has been doing consortium bids for 25 years and incentives have been provided to bidders to reduce their prices.

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.

Inter-Municipal Contract with Cheltenham Township

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to have the proper officials enter into an Inter-Municipal agreement with Cheltenham Township for maintenance on eight (8) traffic signals that are shared intersections with Abington Township.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Farren noted there are signatures by Cheltenham Township officials on the agreement, but no dates, so what is the order of operation?

Mr. Micciolo replied Cheltenham officials have already signed the agreement and he is bringing it before our Board for approval to enter into the agreement. The agreement calls for a payment that will be split between municipalities and we will bill Cheltenham Township for all work done at the agreed intersections. This will ensure that those intersections will be brought up to standards that will cut down on repetitive callouts.

Commissioner Farren asked about an agreement with Jenkintown Borough.

Mr. Micciolo replied he met with the Manager of Jenkintown Borough and his staff today to work on an agreement and he will present it at the next Board meeting for approval.

Commissioner Farren clarified that this will save money in the long run and will insure the highest quality at these intersections. Is that correct?

Mr. Micciolo replied that is correct.

Commissioner Kline asked about agreements with Upper Moreland and Upper Dublin.

Mr. Micciolo replied he has met with Upper Dublin officials and discussed the border intersections only as he does not want to take on too much.

Commissioner Hecker noted term of agreement is five years with successive additional one-year periods of renewal and agreement may be terminated at any time with 30-day written notice. Is that the same time for notice of intent to renew the contract?

Manager LeFevre replied yes.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any public comments.

Raymond Bell, 2076 Parkview Avenue, asked for the anticipated cost and has it been included in 2017 budget, and what were the costs last year?

Mr. Micciolo replied Abington Township's cost will be minimal and there is money in the budget to pay the other municipalities to maintain our traffic signals. The Township was billed for approximately \$6,000 from Cheltenham Township last year.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

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

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for the date of when her street will be repaved.

Mr. Micciolo replied the speaker's street is on the 10-year capital improvement program and evaluated every year for overlay as all streets are in Abington Township. The speaker's street is not anywhere near as bad as some of the other streets in the Township.

Commissioner Myers said in this area there needs to be flexibility because after the severity of each winter roads are different. Each Commissioner represents an area filled with residential Township roads that we watch closely, but they cannot all be repaved, although potholes and skin patches are needed. Some roads are so bad that it would be more efficient to repave the entire road than fill in potholes, and she would hope that this program remains flexible and up for inspection after each and every winter. Each one of us would like to have our roads repaved on a regular basis, but that is just not doable.

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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