

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Bowman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners BOWMAN, KALINOSKI, SPIEGELMAN, ZAPPONE, HECKER

Township Manager LEFEVRE
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, KLINE, JONES, SCHREIBER, SANCHEZ, MARKMAN, DiPLACIDO, MYERS, GILLESPIE

MINUTES: Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Public Works Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Commissioner Bowman called on Mr. Ed Micciolo, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Micciolo said previously, the Township held recycling "Anything with a Plug" events and the County would hold one midyear. But due to costs, the County decided not to have it, so he would like to have one midyear in June or July to accommodate residents. The only fee would be for collection of televisions in the amount of \$10 for 32-inch or smaller television and a slightly higher fee for larger-sized televisions.

Commissioner Kline asked for the cost to the Township to hold this type of a recycling event.

Mr. Micciolo replied total cost is \$2,500.

Commissioner Kline questioned whether any residents from outside the Township attend this event since the County dropped this program. He suspects there would be some unless other municipalities hold this type of event as well.

Mr. Micciolo replied there have been only two nonresidents, and there are other municipalities that hold this type of event.

Commissioner Hecker questioned whether the fee for collection of televisions will be just for this event midyear and will it be the same in the future.

Mr. Micciolo replied it will be for this event and the same fee going forward if it covers costs.

Commissioner Spiegelman clarified that the fee is only for older model televisions as well as older model computer monitors and not for flat screens, and there is no other place to drop off televisions without a fee. Is that correct?

Mr. Micciolo replied that is correct.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked what the vendors make on collections.

Mr. Micciolo replied he does not ask for their profit margin.

Miriam Einhorn, 1175 Timbergate Drive, suggested that the Township utilize volunteers from citizen groups, civic associations and/or rotary clubs to help cut costs for the program.

Mr. Micciolo replied the vendor has insurance and its employees run the program efficiently from beginning to end.

Master Casting Agreement -- Update with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PADOT)

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve the proposed Master Casting Agreement No. 0601068 for the next three year cycle ending in 2017 between the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement and Resolution No. 15-018.

Mr. Wrigley commented that PennDOT updates their Master Casting agreement every three years to revise costs for various work items.

Commissioner Bowman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Kline questioned how pricing compares to the last contract?

Mr. Wrigley replied he has not seen the previous contract for Abington Township, but all prices are the same for all municipalities. Over the past 10 years, prices have increased approximately \$100 per casting.

Commissioner Bowman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehman, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked what are castings?

Mr. Wrigley replied when PennDOT resurfaces a road, they have to adjust the valve boxes of the sanitary sewer manhole castings in the roadway.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Emergency Force Main Repair – North Hills Avenue

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to authorize payment in the amount of \$34,241.53 from the Contingency Expense Account No. 02-10-200-5299 to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for the emergency excavation and repair to the Kimball Avenue Pump Station Force Main sewer that parallels Kimball Avenue near Elliot Avenue, which was completed on February 13, 2015.

Commissioner Bowman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Kline asked for further explanation on this item.

Mr. Wrigley replied the force main, which is the discharge for the pump station, cracked and the flow was coming up to the surface and needed immediate emergency repair.

Commissioner Kline clarified that funds for the repair were paid from Sewer Contingency Expense Account. Is that correct?

Mr. Wrigley replied that is correct.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Funding for Street Repairs

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to spend \$100,000.00 from Fund Balance for repairs to streets deteriorated due to the severe cold winter this year. The anticipated work areas are attached.

Commissioner Bowman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Hecker asked for the timeline of when work will begin.

Mr. Micciolo replied within two weeks.

Commissioner Kline questioned whether this should be a budgeted item, or as it has been done in the past, determine whether repairs are necessary each year.

Mr. Micciolo replied he feels it is best to determine whether it is necessary each year, because prior to the past two winters, we did not have this problem.

Commissioner Bowman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern about potholes on her street and she was in favor of this item being budgeted for.

Commissioner Gillespie commented that whenever she has called Public Works Department about potholes, staff makes repairs on the same day.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Funding for Salt Replacement

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appropriate \$89,000.00 from Fund Balance for the purchase of salt for roadways to stockpile our storage facility for potential storms in 2015 calendar year.

Commissioner Bowman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Kline clarified that all of the salt has been used that was budgeted for, and is it worthwhile to purchase more now in anticipation that the cost may increase. Is that correct?

Mr. Micciolo replied that is correct. He would like to buy salt this year because costs will skyrocket next year.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

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

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that her road has not been paved and she feels services by the Township should be at a "high level," and also that funds for street repairs should be budgeted for.

Commissioner Bowman explained that \$100,000 is being taken from Township's fund balance for street repairs, which is not part of the budgeted amount for scheduled street paving.

Commissioner Myers added that those of us who have lived in Abington Township for many years know that services by the Township have always been at a high level, and all of us heard comments from residents that when they travel through other Townships that Abington's streets are snowplowed and cleaned and are superior to other Townships. The services in Abington Township have always been topnotch, and she has not had any complaints from her constituents about the services of Abington Township.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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