

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Rothman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

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

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Township Engineer MONTGOMERY

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to approve the minutes of Public Works Committee Meeting of September 4, 2019.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PW-01-101019:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to adopt Resolution No. 19-026 authorizing the execution of a 2018 Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Grant Project Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and authorize the Township Manager to execute all future documents related to this grant.

Ms. Lisa Eckert, Manager of Administrative Services of Public Works Department, explained that in August, the Township was awarded the 2018 Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Grant by the State of Pennsylvania. This grant is for improvements to the existing signalized intersection of Meetinghouse Road and Fox Chase Road. Improvements include full modernization of the intersection's signal equipment including updated detection, pedestrian push buttons and ADA curb ramps. This intersection is 30 years old and in need of these upgrades. Township is responsible for 20% match of the grant in the amount of \$47,380.00.

Commissioner Rothman clarified that staff will decide what upgrades will be needed after funds are received. Is that correct?

Ms. Eckert replied yes, once this project goes out to bid and price quotes are received, staff will choose items that can be done by in-kind services.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Vice President Kline questioned how this project will connect with work being done from Washington Lane and Greenwood Avenue out to Pennypack Pike path, and what is the timing of the project?

Ms. Eckert replied the grant specifies that it is in connection with the overall project, but it is just one part of it. Timing of the project is probably this time next year or early 2021. This is another piece of connectivity along Meetinghouse Road.

Manager Manfredi clarified that this is the modernization of two traffic signals at the intersection of Meetinghouse and Fox Chase Roads installing updated detection, pedestrian push buttons and ADA ramps to pedestrian crossings.

Commissioner Rothman said he will provide further details about the project to his residents at a future time. He asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Item PW-02-101019:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Inter-Municipal Crediting Agreement for the Conklin Recreation Center Pollution Reduction Plan.

Ms. Amy Montgomery, Director of Engineering/Code, said Cheltenham Township partnered with TTF and they are installing a new stormwater control measure at their Conklin Recreation Center and that feature is proposed to be located in such a way that it actually collects runoff from Cheltenham and Abington Townships. DEP has requested that as part of the permitting requirements crediting towards Cheltenham's PRP (Pollution Reduction Plan) that Abington Township sign a crediting agreement. So Abington Township is not taking responsibility for Cheltenham's BMP (Best Management Practice) that they are building and Abington is also not paying for it, but the agreement is to allow them to take the credit for the area in Abington. Cheltenham's Board of Commissioners signed off on the agreement and they requested that Abington's Board of Commissioners also sign off on it.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Works:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, stated that “we, as residents of this Township want to understand and be informed when you are changing out department managers and why. I am concerned about an Economic Development Corporation using Township personnel for \$1 a year. I have two concerns about the new speaking rules; they remove all rights to everything and I could be given more time to speak and I am very concerned that some get more time to speak than others; also, the residents want access to a full transcript.”

ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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