

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 6, 2018

Members Present: Bill Rodrigues, Barry Linton, Tom Haluch, Alex Simao, Stephen Santos

Absent:

Also Present: Ken Batista

At 6:00 P.M. Mr. Haluch called meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

CORRESPONDANCE: Thank you card from Paul Ganieany for card with contribution the Board sent to him.

MA DOT notification that Ludlow will receive supplemental Chapter 90 funds in the amount of \$139,965 for Fiscal Year 2019. \$837,900 total.

Letter from Sal Ferrera @ Weston & Sampson about Chapin Street Pump Station failure. Estimated cost for repair is \$15,000, lead time 4-6 weeks. Estimated cost for new is \$37,000, lead time 18 weeks. Amy Priest will call Attorney General to find out how to handle getting prices for pump rebuild. Mr. Linton motion to have pump rebuilt and order a new one if cleared by Attorney General. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Money to come from sewer enterprise fund.

KENNY'S REPORT:

Pavement markings done on Holyoke Street. Palmer Paving unable to finish Miller Street because of the weather. Their goal is to be done within the next 7 days.

Varandas is questioning the annual bid. The raising and lowering of the structures. Our bid says "per foot", it should have said "each".

Sewer repair on 67 Americo Street. It was 6' of asbestos concrete pipe.

Test pits to be done over utilities on Howard Street.

Crack Seal was supposed to be here last week but had to cancel because of the weather. Waiting to hear back with schedule. Mr. Simao asked about puddle in front of Red Barn on Holyoke Street. Kenny will look into putting a catch basin in. Stop signs have been put up on Funston.

NEW BUSINESS: PW-4 Vacancy Foreman. There are 4 candidates. Mr. Simao did not know the position was posted and he is not happy about it. Mr. Santos did not know it was posted either. Mr. Linton wanted the position posted because he feels a parks foreman is needed. Mr. Santos asked where the money is coming from to fund it. Mr. Haluch said we have plenty of money left over from supervision. Mr. Rodrigues motion to appoint Mike Almeida to foreman to supervise Parks Department. Mr. Linton second. Vote 3-2 in favor. Mr. Simao and Mr. Santos against.

Cemetery commitment. Total income \$4,725.00

Mr. Rodrigues asked about steel plate on Munsing/Colonial. Kenny will see what he has to replace.

Mr. Simao asked for updated sales figures on purple bags. Amy will look into. Mr. Santos asked why we fertilized the tree belt on Sportsmen's Road. Mr. Haluch said we had left over fertilizer and he wanted to do both sides of the road if we had any. Mr. Santos asked where the wood chips went that were picked up @ Creative Park. Kenny said they were brought back to DPW.

Mr. Linton motion to accept snow plow contractors on the list as of now. Mr. Rodrigues second.

Letter from Assistant Engineer in response to his work hours being 8:00-4:30. Says he changed his hours at the request of the Board to be available to contractors.

Mr. Haluch has no letter to that effect. The 40 hour work week issue has not been resolved. Mr. Linton motion for Assistant Engineer hours to be 8:00-4:30. Mr. Simao second. Effective date November 19, 2018. Mr. Simao add to motion that it's temporary until a new director is hired. Vote 4-1. Mr. Santos abstain.

Kenny is carrying 3 vacation days to use around Thanksgiving.

Mr. Linton motion to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Mr. Simao second. All in favor.

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Amy Kurtz
CLERK