

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 20, 2018

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

Members Absent: NONE

Also Present: Ken Batista

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 22 Wilno Street to consider removal of town shade tree. Mr. Linton motion to open public hearing, Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Richard Flebotte brought pictures of tree and damage. Mr. Santos says he has no objection to removing, asked Mr. Flebotte if he was opposed to planting 2 after it's removed. Mr. Flebotte agreed. Mr. Simao motion to remove tree. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Mr. Santos suggested keeping a list and being proactive on replacing trees soon after they are cut down. Mr. Haluch agreed. Mr. Simao motion to adjourn public hearing. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 306 Fuller Street-Robert Murty-Water running into his backyard and flooding his property. Resident from Woodland Circle asked Kenny if the Board would consider a construction project. She is concerned about the large ditch. Kenny suggested we get drainage underground, put in catch basin. We could pipe the whole trench and make road wider. Cost estimate from Healy & Assoc. to rebuild Chapin Street pump station. It is considerably less than we were quoted from our annual bid vendor. Cady Street estimate. 750' of 8" sewer pipe in the ground, 4 sewer manholes installed. They ran into ground water in front of Del's Nursery. They did pressure testing today of the runs that are in the ground. Center Street project done for the winter. Temporary markings will be done and Eversource may be out for utilities. Town is responsible for winter maintenance, but Goncalves is responsible to patch any holes for the winter.

Miller Street project. Hoping to get out and finish the driveways. RC Floral parking lot dip where water is getting in. We will have to put in a hump and loam and seed. We should hold off on pavement markings on until spring. Chapin Street Elementary School project. Issues with sewer and drainage. Consultants had to go back. Landfill testing. DEP requires new reporting. WJF gave us a proposal to do the paperwork. \$1,400 to prepare report for DEP. Mr. Haluch said there is \$10,000 in Landfill Maintenance account. Third party inspection of transfer station & landfill report is forthcoming. Mr. Linton motion to accept WJF quote. Mr. Simao second. All in favor. Ken & Jim went to 21, 29 & 37 Philip Street. They are getting water into their basement. Water is coming from their backyards to their house. They are claiming it is coming from the drywell we put in last year. He did notice there were some roof leaders from houses that weren't getting water far enough away, so he suggested they get some 4" corrugated pipe to move the water away. Kenny says its rain water and not the Town's responsibility. Mr. Santos suggested we send a letter to the residents explaining it and if they have any further questions, they can come before the Board. First snow storm update. Pretreated roads and first sanding crew came back. Worked through the night to have everything passable for the morning. Used 200 tons of salt. 210 total hours for contractors. We were down 8 pieces of equipment. 3 guys were out. 5 hired pieces were not available for this storm. Mr. Simao motion to accept Interim Director's report. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

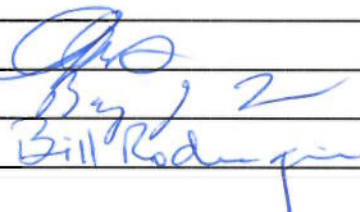
Michael Suprenant interview for Director of Public Works position. Mr. Suprenant explained his Public Works positions. He is semi-retired, but keeping busy on the Board of Selectmen and Policy Committee in Boston. Also represents the town in the Regional Transportation Authority. Has taken care of some family property. He is really good friends with DPW Director in Wilbraham. He usually plays Santa this time of year. He explained why he was at a few of the towns only a couple of years. He knew most of them were short term jobs for projects. He would be looking for a longer term in Ludlow. Mr. Haluch asked if he would entertain short term trial period. Mr. Suprenant said "absolutely". If that were the case, he would like to set some goals and go from there. Mr. Simao asked how many people he's supervised besides his company. He responded up to 32. He was DPW Director. He has dealt with Union Representatives. He is familiar with MUNIS billing and

Chapter 90. The only building in a town he has not overseen is school departments. He has experience with planning small sewer projects. He has administered progressive and immediate discipline. He has experience adjusting budgets. He has some experience with historical grants. He has some cemetery experience. And GIS system experience. Board will decide on how they want to proceed and get back in contact with Mr. Suprenant. Mr. Suprenant left the interview.

Mr. Simao wants the DPW Director position split into 2 positions. He is not interested in hiring a director. Mr. Rodrigues motion to bring Mr. Suprenant back in next week for more questions before they decide. Mr. Linton suggested Carrie be in on the next meeting. Mr. Simao second. All in favor.

Town of Shrewsbury Construction Within the Public Way Permit. Mr. Haluch thinks their permit is more concise and included more language about what's expected of the contractors. Would like to incorporate some of that into ours. Asked Board members to take a look and come back with some feedback.

8:15 P.M. Mr. Linton motion to adjourn. Mr. Simao second. All in favor.



Bill Rodrigues


Clerk