

Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2019

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Members Present: Thomas Haluch, Barry Linton, Guilherme Rodrigues, Alex Simao, John Davis

Members Absent: None

Also: Ken Batista

At 6:00 PM Mr. Haluch called the meeting to order.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Robert Kopec requesting an adjustment to the sewer bill for Beachside Motors located at 556 Center Street. The sewer history was presented and reviewed. Mr. Rodrigues made a motion to reduce the bill to \$100.00 based on the 2018 billing. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All In Favor: 5/0.

Tower Road Sewer Proposal- Three residents came to discuss their request. Mr. Batista spoke about the project.

Correspondence:

Letter from Eric Segundo, Director of Veteran's Service, requesting assistance from the DPW for the Memorial Day Parade.

Interim Director's Report:

Fertilizer quote updates. Quotes are relatively close to what the 2018 quotes were. The information will be presented to the BPW at the next meeting.

Rood Street Project Update- Three days of grinding work and Palmer Paving scheduled for May 9th for binder work. Springfield Water and Sewer as well as other contractors schedule touched on. Road closure schedule will be on website, flyers and Channel 22 to alert residents.

McKinley Street- Center line laid out for road to make it consistent. Road is approximately 24 feet wide and narrows in areas.

Chapin Street Pump Station- Cleaning work scheduled and could not be done due to conditions in the pipes (heavy grease). The work is in the process of being rescheduled. The station is operating on one pump until the second pump is up and running properly.

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Josh DeForges Challenge- Committee requested the DPW install some obstacles for the event participants. There will be event volunteers on Town property to show participants where to go.

Summer Help Applications- There were quite a few applicants. Four seasonal employees are recommended. Not everyone that applied can start at the same time. It would be nice to have six employees. There is only one returning applicant.

Mr. Linton made a motion to hire six summer help. Mr. Simao seconded. All In Favor: 5/0.

The Ludlow Boys and Girls Club contacted the DPW to see they can provide assistance in beautifying the area near the baseball diamond. After the initial cleaning they would take care of the diamond themselves.

Truck parts on hand reviewed. The condition of them is making them not good to use. \$3,800 to \$4,000 for a new truck bed and painting with the department installing the bed themselves. A new mower is on the list for equipment to purchase in the future as well as possibly a new pickup truck.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Batista's report by Mr. Rodrigues. Seconded by Mr. Simao. All In Favor: 5/0.

Old Business:

Director/Town Engineer Position: The BPW sent a letter to Mr. Michael Suprenant of Sturbridge, MA to come in before the board to discuss his application for the Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Position. Mr. Rodrigues made a motion and Mr. Davis seconded to bring Mr. Suprenant before the next BPW meeting for an interview. All In Favor: 5/0.

Special Municipal Employee Status- Brought up by Mr. Haluch- There is no one on their board any longer. A motion was made by Mr. Simao and seconded by Mr. Rodrigues to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen to suggest they rescind having special municipal employee status for the members of the BPW. All In Favor: 5/0.

New Business:

Seasonal Applications will be gone through and letters sent out.

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Additional Discussions:

It was brought to the board's attention that the trash cans at the River Walk need to be emptied. They were emptied on Monday. It was found that the receptacles closest to the road had household trash dumped in them.

Markings Inc. to take out the markings on Holyoke Street and re-install them at no charge. They were initially installed when the weather conditions were too cold for them to stick.

Tree take downs and tree trimming in downtown area were discussed. The Mero Street tree is down.

Questions on how much is left in the current budget were presented and discussed.

Minutes from 5/30/17, 5/7/18, 6/4/18, 6/18/18, 8/13/18, 11/13/18, 1/22/19, 1/29/19, 3/12/19m 3/26/19 reviewed and signed.

At 7:06 PM Mr. Rodrigues made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simao to adjourn. The Board voted All in Favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:

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Christine Bastek

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