

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2019

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Suprenant, Ken Batista

Mr. Haluch called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDANCE: Letter from David Nally regarding vehicle damage due to street flooding on Chapin Street in front of Ludlow High School. Mr. Simao motion to send to insurance. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

KENNY'S REPORT: Murray is doing reclamation, Palmer Paving will be out on Miller Street tomorrow for milling and shimming. Work will continue well into next week. Hoping to get binder on Old Coach Circle. Road was heavily damaged during last storm. Remainder of streets will be covered September 5 & 6. Varandas to do structure adjustment. Paulding will be done 2nd week of October. Kenny asked about the outcome of the cul-de-sac on Cardinal Circle. Mr. Haluch said the Board voted to go forward. Kenny would like to complete cul-de-sac on Leland. Freightliner completed the specs on the new truck last week. Will replace truck #37. He suggests we trade that in to lower the price. ETA is 8 months. We are getting prices to rent a stump grinder. Thinks we can use it for a couple of weeks ourselves. Thinks we have close to 70 stumps to grind. Mr. Simao motion to accept Kenny's report. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Truck 94 had some engine problems that were taken care of under warranty. New cemetery on Center Street site visit by Board of Public Works met 5-5:30 P.M. tonight. Conceptual plans and very preliminary cost estimated will be presented to BPW. Florence working to get rate schedules from other cemeteries. Mr. Haluch asked to get policies for the grounds from surrounding cemeteries also. BPW met on Susan Drive to discuss flooding on Circuit Avenue @ 6:00 P.M. Mike Pietras was there and was able to point out

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some issues. He was hopeful that through private individuals and donations we might be able to get some of the work done right away. Mr. Linton said he was late to meeting because a couple neighbors met him driving away and wanted to show him 2 catch basins and 4' of 18" pipe showing. Water should be slowed down there, maybe with boulders. Mass Highway Association has its annual Public Works Expo September 18-19 in Marlboro. Board received complimentary tickets. Anthony Fernandes started yesterday in PW-2 position. Bridge inspection reports from MA DOT. Mr. Suprenant will be looking into minor deficiencies noted on the reports. Proposed sewer projects previously mentioned at prior Board meeting. He will present initial estimates and cost at the next meeting. Mr. Davis asked about the building @ Whitney Park. Mr. Suprenant said it has been mostly emptied. DPW can get by during the winter without using the building. Next spring he would like to move our stuff back in. Mr. Davis motion to take the building back. Mr. Linton thinks we should bring Mr. McBride back in to discuss first. Mr. Haluch said Carrie spoke w/ Derek Debarge and there was some discussion about Mr. Suprenant's tenure with the DPW. Based on the fact that he was out 7 weeks, his stay is extended to January. Mr. Simao would like to see the posting before it goes out. Plan for Paul's retirement is to keep foreman position open and fill PW-3 position. It will be posted internally. Mr. Simao motion to send letter to Carrie asking why we cannot appoint Director before his term is up. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Simao asked Kenny if we are up to date with bills for fertilizing. Kenny said they applied 2nd applications. They owe us 2. Mr. Simao asked if Rood Street is all done. Kenny said no. Still need to do shoulder restoration. Kenny said majority of line painting is done. School zone lines have been painted. Mr. Santos still has not gotten signature from procurement officer for his contract. Mr. Haluch does not know what the problem is but he does know that Ellie signed it. Mr. Suprenant confirmed it is signed. Mr. Linton said all the baseball fields are full of weeds. Kenny said we can use Round Up on all fields except schools. Mr. Suprenant talked to the vendor with the scarifier and it is all ready to ship. Mr. Rodrigues asked Kenny where we stand with Rood and Cady Streets. He said he spoke w/ Springfield Water and they want to know what direction the Board wants to go in. We could have to mill out the whole lane. He has not heard back from Chicopee regarding Cady Street. We will probably have to go out to bid to chip all the brush in the back. Rocky Mountain did it last time. Mr. Haluch said the BPW used to have an easel in the Board Room with all the

subdivisions listed so they could view them and make notes. He has not had a subdivision review in 5-7 years. In the past, Engineering Department would do the review then go before the Board with comments. Mr. Haluch would like all subdivision projects to be brought to Board's attention again. Asked to have Engineering put together comments for Board to review on a monthly basis. Kenny asked Florence to put together the snow plowing ad for early September. Rates will stay the same as last year.

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At 7:30 P.M. Mr. Linton made a motion to adjourn. Next meeting in 2 weeks. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:

Amy Kurtz
Clerk