

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2019

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

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Members Absent: Tom Haluch

Also Present: Mike Suprenant, Ken Batista, Amy Priest

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Mr. Linton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Survey of area cemetery fees. Still working on rules and regulations. Our fees are 10-40% lower than cemeteries in the area for out of town residents. They are 1/3-1/2 lower than other cemeteries in the area for town residents. At the last meeting it was requested to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> mechanic position. Mr. Suprenant sent to HR. Both HR Manager and Town Administrator said the Board of Selectmen has to approve because we are currently only allowed one mechanic. They will meet a week from today. Need to get the request in before that. Engineering Intern position was sent to HR. She said the rate of pay has not been increased since 2010. \$16.98 would be the updated rate. This would also need to go before the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Simao asked if the money was appropriated. Mr. Suprenant said Yes. Mr. Simao motion to have Mr. Suprenant attend meeting next week for 2 positions. Mr. Davis second. All in favor. PW-3 position. Mr. Suprenant recommending promoting William Thompson. Rate \$20.99. Effective tomorrow. He has his hoisting license and has started the process for obtaining his 4G boom license. He also has some experience in the pump stations. He will immediately post PW-2 that is left vacant. Mr. Simao motion to promote William Thompson. Mr. Davis second. All in favor. Has 6 months to get 4G license. Center Street project. Ammendment for professional services was previously approved, but not signed. Mr. Suprenant recommends Board signs. Emergency Action Plan update. We are required to send an update by December 31 for Harris Pond Dam and Wate Lake Dam. Mr. Suprenant recommends the Board approve and sign the proposal by Tighe & Bond for \$11,000. Mr. Simao motion to approve. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Meeting to address Waste Management complaints. The Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator organized a meeting with them to discuss

complaints. Mr. Suprenant and Mr. Simao attended. Waste Management did let a driver go for failing to pick up trash and questionable notes left on barrels. There are approximately 6,600 properties on curbside pick up and we are only receiving about a dozen complaints a week. Mr. Suprenant has been asked to look into a grant for providing standard 35 gallon barrels to be automatically picked up by the trucks. We also need to do some more things to re-educate the public. Mr. Simao said that since we have the contract with Waste Management, we should have been notified that meeting was happening. He was notified 1-2 hours before. Mr. Linton said he also thinks meeting should have been before the Board of Public Works. Mr. Suprenant said that Waste Management told them that Longmeadow has recently received a grant for the barrels, so we should look into it. Our current contract with Waste Management runs until July 2022. Mr. Suprenant said one of the articles on the October 22 Town Meeting is to authorize the Selectmen to sign an agreement with MRF, which is going to be very expensive. BPW will need to discuss before the meeting. Site plan and subdivision reviews. Colvest plans were reviewed by Engineering. Driveways meet standard. Stormwater permit is there. Mr. Simao motion to accept Director's Report. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Miller Street, East to Ventura is complete. Berm has been installed on Old Coach Circle. Palmer Paving had an issue with another job yesterday. We are in the process of rescheduling. Water gates and catch basins have been adjusted on McKinley and Taft. Ready to pave, just waiting on Palmer Paving. Binder is down on Nash Hill Road. There is one telephone pole on the edge of the road. Working with Verizon to move. Bondsville Road was supposed to be reclaimed, but Murray had to pull out early. They will be able to accommodate us some time in October. Deroche, Helene, Auburn, Rood, Old Coach and Miller shoulder work done. We were unable to do McKinley, Taft and Nash Hill. Still waiting to hear back from City of Chicopee about Bluebird Acres project agreement. Chapin Street pump station. Both pumps are back online. When it was cleaned we found about 2' of gravel and rocks. We have an issue at Westover Pump Station. Pump 1 was operating under high amperage. Currently working on it. Crack sealing scheduled for October 15. Will be doing sections of West Street, East Street, Arch, Lyons, Cherry, Randall Road, West Avenue and Center. Will concentrate on areas paved within the last 5 years as a proactive measure. Freightliner truck was ordered last week. Delivery will be spring 2020. Cabin chassis was order through Advantage Truck Corp, now called Freightliner.

That could be here as early as end of December. MHQ will install the body. Need to do a sewer repair @ 68 Ray Street, to be done on Thursday. Kenny has 5 vacation days left. Would like to carry over to next year. Mr. Simao motion for Kenny to carry his time over. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Mr. Simao asked about Ms. Ribeiro on West Ave. She got 3 bids and Board approved the lowest bidder for repair. Mr. Simao motion to pay her and she can reimburse the contractor. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Mr. Simao asked about the line painting from 1-2 years ago. Kenny sent an email to the CEO earlier in the month about it. We gave them 7 days to respond. Mr. Rodrigues asked if we will hydroseed Rood Street. Kenny said they will seed by hand. Mr. Rodrigues asked about driving around all summer long with box on the leaf truck. This morning the box is off now that we're picking up leaves. Kenny said they might have been using it for logs today. They were using it for chipping this summer. Mr. Davis asked about gate boxes on Rood Street. Kenny said we might have to have them mill the whole lane. They're willing to do whatever we need them to do. Mr. Rodrigues suggested using flowable fill so it does not sink again. Mr. Linton asked about stumps. Kenny said we will probably end up having Northern. It will take a day or 2 to identify all that need to be ground, then we go behind them with the backhoe to clean up after. We will need to dig safe them. Mr. Rodrigues suggested not to send the tree guys because of possible conflict. Mr. Linton asked about our 10 wheeler over at Corey's. It is back now but he was told he needed a purchase order, but he got the go ahead from someone here. Kenny said he spoke w/ him and because one of the parts was over a thousand more than expected, it went above original estimate. Mr. Simao asked if we are responsible for the stumps for trees that were taken down on behalf of Eversource. Kenny said anything that was within the public way we will grind. We will not on private property. Mr. Rodrigues asked about tree planting. It's been a few years. Kenny said we can start replacing some that were cut down. Mr. Rodrigues motion to accept Operations Supervisor's report. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Board of Selectmen requesting that the DPW move a crosswalk on East Street at Chestnut Street. Mr. Linton thinks the drawing they provided is wrong and should be checked with Brian Shameklis. They also want a beacon blinking crosswalk. Kenny said the price for the beacon is approximately \$11,000. Mr. Linton suggested putting together a package of what this will cost for the Selectmen to find out where they want the money to come from. Might have to come from an article.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Simao asked about Simonds Street. Mr. Suprenant said he spoke w/ resident a couple times. He told him the best thing would be to regrade the front lawn, but he doesn't want to do that. We will have to cut in a ditch. He has not talked to him since August. He said Mr. Pereira asked about the sewer rate. He asked Mrs. Priest when it will be ready. She said we just received target figure from Town Accountant today. It will be presented at the next Board meeting. He asked about how much money we bring in from purple bags. She will get info for the next meeting. Mr. Simao asked about sewer payments to City of Springfield. Wants to know if we're over paying. Mr. Linton said he was stopped by resident on Lyon Street and showed him pictures about water coming almost in his garage. Kenny says over the years drainage got filled in a little bit. We need to cut a swail.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS:

At 7:02 P.M. Mr. Simao made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

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