

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 2019

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Mike Suprenant, Amy Priest

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

APPOINTMENTS: Bill Kemple. Driveway @ 100 Hubbard Street. Homeowner asking for waiver of 24' driveway. He is requesting 46'-50'. Mr. Suprenant recommends driveway be limited to regulation. Mr. Suprenant also suggested tenants get permission to use adjacent parking lot. Mr. Linton motion to grant permit only to repair existing situation. Mr. Simao second. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: This morning was 3<sup>rd</sup> trash disposal meeting. 2 companies were interviewed and they got it down to the best price possible. Right now it's going up about \$3.50/ton. In succeeding years it would go up \$1-\$2/ton until the end of the contract. We would have an option of 1, 3 or 5 years. The best option will be the 5 year contract. This is just for disposal. It's currently going to Holyoke. Competing facility is Bondi's Island. There are 12 other towns involved. Last week Mr. Suprenant went to Springfield to testify at the solid waste master plan for the entire State. An issue in a lot of the communities is the cost difference between dual and single stream. We are looking at the possibility of going back to dual stream because of savings. \$93/ton vs \$145/ton. After the hearing Steve Ellis from MA DEP offered to come to Ludlow to discuss how we might want to approach Waste Management. He is available 11:30 tomorrow. Mr. Suprenant would like 1-2 representatives of the BPW to sit in. Our current curb side contract with WM runs until 6/30/2022. Dual stream contracts will be for 5 years. There is a provision in the contract that allows for re-negotiation. Over the next 5 years we could be spending well over \$8 million in trash and recycling. Mr. Haluch asked about the purple bag sales. Thinks it would probably be lower. Mr. Suprenant said we could get a grant to cover 75% of new automated bins, like Longmeadow did. If we went with automated bins, we could charge more for larger bins to offset the cost of purple bags program. After Mr. Suprenant's conversation with Arlene Miller, she thinks we're in better shape than of most of the communities around to go back to dual

stream because we're not locked in. Mr. Simao asked about the estimated cost of 21,000 barrels \$60/each. Mr. Suprenant verified that each house would get 21 barrels of trash, 1 paper/plastic, 1 cans/bottles. Mr. Suprenant said Agawam saved several hundreds of thousands of dollars when going from manual to automated pick-up. Casella is shipping it out to 2 locations in NY. Massachusetts only has 1 landfill, in Fitchburg. The reason for the big cost increase is transportation of waste. Town of Endicott permits have been reviewed and approved. Mr. Suprenant recommends the Board vote to waive the fees, performance and guarantee securities. Mr. Linton motion to waive fees and securities for Senior Center project. Mr. Rodrigues second. All in favor. Mr. Suprenant attended Recreation Commission meeting last week. He is working on cost estimates for pavilion or pole building @ Whitney Park. Also working on cost estimate for restroom addition for existing building. Mr. Suprenant thinks the pavilion would be on the other side of the existing building. Tennis courts were discussed and they think there is a need for pickle ball, so they would like resurfacing. Mr. Suprenant working on a cost estimate. Mr. Linton suggested adding an article for town meeting. Recreation Commission does not want DPW trucks going through park in the summer when camp is in session. Mr. Rodrigues said they have no choice. Diamonds must be done every day. Avelino Way. Binder course in damaged areas was replaced and they put a sheen course of pavement on November 7. Was stopped when it started raining. It was resumed after noon on the 8<sup>th</sup> until the temperature was high enough to pave. There are still some items that need to be resolved and Mr. Suprenant has not had the chance to meet with the developer, but he's sure in the spring they'll want to go to Town Meeting to get road accepted. Mr. Haluch asked if all the issues with the abutters are resolved. Mr. Suprenant did note the swale is working, but not all the issues are resolved. The outlet to the swale needs to be fixed because the end of the pipe is crushed. The detention basin is overgrown. Mr. Suprenant would like to see it done in accordance with the storm water management plan. Annual bids scheduled to be opened on December 12, 2019 10:30 a.m. We are adding items for cemetery mowing, roadside mowing and street sweeping. FY21 budget process has begun. Submission is due by end of day December 3. Mr. Suprenant asked if the Board would like to have a work shop to go over preliminary budget before it is submitted. Mr. Haluch said it would be fine to go over @ the next meeting. Mr. Simao motion to accept Director's report. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

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OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Murray Paving completed work on Bondsville Road November 8. Palmer Paving installed 2" of bituminous binder on the 11<sup>th</sup>. And 1 ½" of top was installed on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Shoulder work yet to be completed. McKinley Avenue shoulder work now complete. Nash Hill Road had 1 ½" bituminous top installed on November 11. All telephone poles in and around the road were removed prior to paving. Should work on Nash Hill Road is yet to be completed. Cady Street was shimmed

on November 14, as requested at last Board meeting. Selectmen have signed the agreement so we will be receiving money from City of Chicopee for that work. Mr. Haluch said it might be better to put some of the reclaiming on the shoulders where there is no home instead of loam. There is usually a lot of erosion. Varandas Construction started work on Canterbury and Newbury Streets on November 8. Project expected to be completed by November 18. Duke's Root Control scheduled to do root control treatment week of November 25. Areas to be treated are Center Street at Hubbard Library, Park Place, Park Terrace, Meadow Street, Winsor Street and Lower Whitney Street. Total cost \$6,500. Foundations @ Island Pond Cemetery are completed. Two still yet to be completed @ Center Cemetery. Total # is 27, including 2 foundations that failed in section G. Stump grinding cleanup is ongoing. Contractor will have to come back to grind some stumps deeper. Work to be completed over the next few weeks. Swale in front of 40 Simonds Street installed on November 13. Hopefully this will alleviate the resident's complaint of flooding. Mr. Simao said he thought at the last meeting Board was going to drive by and decide what was going to be done. Wants to know why work was done. Mr. Suprenant said he talked to homeowner several times to tell him exactly what we were going to do. Mr. Haluch asked Mr. Simao to reach out to him to see if he's satisfied with the job and if it's working. Mr. Suprenant said the way the driveway was graded before, there will be some ponding. Re-grading the driveway will solve everything. Mr. Suprenant said he was there @ 6:30 this morning and it is working. The following work is to be completed this season: Cleaning drainage swale @ 306 Fuller Street, drainage repair @ Colonial Drive @ Musing Street. This work will involve annual bid contractors. Mr. Simao motion to accept Operations Supervisor's report as read. Mr. Linton second. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Director/Town Engineer position will be advertised until December 5. Engineering Intern position is posted. 2<sup>nd</sup> mechanic position is posted. PW-2 position was put on hold because we wanted to look @ 2 part time. Mr. Rodrigues said there is still a foreman position that needs to be advertised. Mr. Suprenant said that is on hold. Mr. Linton said he does not care about hiring anyone else. He would rather take the money and hire contractors to get done what we need to get done in town.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Simao asked about pot holes on Paulding Road. Mr. Suprenant said that was on the list of Chapter 90 jobs that we have not gotten to yet. 599-601 Center Street needs a lip in front of the driveway. There used to be a sign coming out of McDonald's that said "No Right Turn On Red". Would like sign put back. Mr. Linton said there was one on Cherry also that said the same thing. Mr. Linton said from the Safety Committee, crosswalk @ end of Chestnut Street, they want it moved over to the end of Chestnut Street. They also want a blinking light on the side of the road. They also want to change to handicapped curbs. Mr. Linton suggested taking it out of Chapter 90 or

budget money. Says we have been ordered by the Selectmen and Safety Committee to do it. Asked to get an estimate so we can get it ready to go for spring. Mr. Linton also mentioned the bad curve on West Ave. All the signs are 25-30 years old and need to be replaced and should be bright green. Mr. Suprenant suggested green chevron signs. Mr. Davis asked about snow plowing. Mr. Suprenant said we have enough trucks, but still have a need for loader operators. We could use at least 3 more front end loaders. Mr. Haluch asked if there was a discrepancy between our loader rate and Chicopee or Springfield. Mr. Suprenant will look into. Mr. Haluch asked about 22 Moore Street. Mr. Suprenant talked to Kenny. Resident indicated she would not accept just trimming, but if they're healthy trees there would have to be a hearing. We can send her a letter stating that. Mr. Haluch also said we're not going to do anything now, but we need to do something in the spring. Mr. Simao asked about Circuit Avenue. Mr. Suprenant said Mike Pietras has prepared a plan for conservation, which we have not received yet.

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CEMETERY REPORT: Income for October 2019 is \$4,425.

Mr. Linton asked to get an estimate from Mott MacDonald for sewer plan so we can get them out to bid this winter. For Motyka, Tower Road and the rest of Grimard.

At 7:31 P.M. Mr. Simao made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis second. All in favor.

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