

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2020

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Mike Suprenant, Amy Priest

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

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APPOINTMENTS: Interview Kyle Rosa for drainlayers license. Mr. Suprenant did background check on original application and Board asked to invite him in. He was not able to get in touch with Julie or Vitaliy Gladysh. He is not a licensed drainlayer in any other town and was hoping he could explain his capabilities to the Board. Mr. Rosa said he can rent bigger equipment when needed. He hauls a lot of material into Gomes Construction, so they know who he is. He rents trench boxes because they're certified every time. He is a subcontractor but did a lot of excavation work previously. Mr. Haluch said due to the problems the previous contractor had, this requires someone with experience in sewer installations. Mr. Simao agrees. He would not vote to approve license. Mr. Rosa said he is safety certified. Mr. Linton motion to deny sewer installers license based on no Town experience. Mr. Simao second. All in favor. Mr. Suprenant said he will send the bond back.

CORRESPONDENCE: 988. Letter from Town Clerk reminding all Boards to reorganize after the Town Election.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Last week Mr. Suprenant was asked to provide an up to date budget report, which is attached. Current available funds are \$344,000. He is estimating that May and June salaries to be \$124,000 and May and June expenses will be \$190,000. That will leave \$130,000 for the road work that was approved last meeting, which is Parkview and Mountainview. Total for those is \$111,000. Mr. Suprenant will check with Kenny to see if the work is scheduled. Mr. Rodrigues said there is no gas, just water and sewer. Mr. Suprenant is expecting to get about \$600,000 from the Government, rather than \$900,000. Mr. Suprenant is asking Board to consider Fuller Street to use cold in

place recycling, which is about \$4/sq. ft. less than reclamation. Mr. Simao asked why Fuller Street is marked up. Mr. Suprenant said there was some core testing done in anticipation of doing cold in place recycling. Coring cost \$3,000. Analysis is another few thousand dollars. Mr. Simao said his opinion is that the Town cannot afford to do the cold in place recycling on one street when we can mill and pave more streets with the money. Mr. Haluch said he would review all the streets and make sure that is the method that should be done. Mr. Rodrigues asked if the Chapter 90 money needed to be spent before July 1. Mr. Suprenant said no. If we have committed to do the work we would ask to encumber the money. If it is reclaimed before July 1, it will be the 1st week of July before we can re-pave it. Mr. Simao asked when summer help is coming in. Mr. Suprenant said some started today, 2 more will start tomorrow. Mr. Simao asked when our people start working full time again. Mr. Suprenant said he had hoped everyone would start full time today. No crews started full time. Mr. Suprenant said June 1 everyone is on board. Mr. Haluch asked if there was any documentation from the Operations Supervisor about if he received direction from an outside source that we should be back full time. Mr. Suprenant said he mentioned guidance from Human Resources during the conversation. He said he has a commitment that full crews will return June 1. Mr. Suprenant said we did not do a good job during this time, especially at the cemeteries. Mr. Haluch said the cemeteries should have been done for Memorial Day. Mr. Suprenant said we will work hard to get them to excellent condition. Mr. Simao asked about the budget. We lost a few people that retired. Have we hired anyone? Is the money still available for next fiscal year? Or is the Town taking that money away? What is next year's budget? Mr. Suprenant said he had to cut a very small amount from the original submission. Mr. Haluch said the budget is 3.2 million. Mr. Suprenant said they cut about \$30,000. Mr. Haluch said he thinks what Alex is asking is are the salaries for the people that retired in the budget? Mr. Suprenant said salaries for the replacement at a lower rate are in the budget. Mr. Simao said we need to either hire more people or go out for services. Mr. Haluch said the catch basin on Munsing Street we should get 3 bids on so we can just get it done. Mr. Suprenant said we have to do that with some other drainage work along the Chicopee River. There is a cross drain clogged at the interceptor sewer just below Tait @ West Streets. We will need a contractor in to do that work. We do not have the equipment to do it. Mr. Simao would like to see it done as soon as possible so we can use the money before fiscal year ends. Mr. Haluch said it might be beneficial to have the foremen @ the meetings. There is no report from the Operations Supervisor.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Linton asked what the bid was for the cemetery to cut, mow, trim. Mr. Suprenant said it was \$1,547 per mow. Mr. Linton said there is a Fletcher bill in to

be signed for the manhole down by the library. He asked Mr. Rodrigues what it would take to fix that. We should look @ getting a design to fix it. Mr. Suprenant said it does not appear that weed whacking is included in the cemetery bid. Total is \$30,940, not including weed whacking. Mr. Linton asked Mr. Suprenant to reach out to the company to find out how much it would be. Mr. Davis asked about a stump on Hunter Road that needs to be addressed. Also one at Christ the King Church needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Linton said one on Mero needs to be done too. The stump grinder broke. Mr. Rodrigues said there is another one on Maple Street. Mr. Haluch asked why we don't concentrate on them in the winter when things are frozen. Mr. Simao asked if we finalized what we're doing on Tower Hill Road. Mr. Linton said we are committed to doing the sewer. We just got the surveyor's contract. Mr. Simao asked if the Town does a final review of Center Street before it's done. There is water that builds up on Cherry Street. Also, street signs missing coming out of McDonald's, No Right Turn On Red and No Tractor Trailers on Cherry Street. Mr. Simao said after the Turnpike Bridge it says Merge. He thinks it should be pushed back more. Mr. Haluch would like to thank the Board for their efforts put into it this year. We conducted ourselves professionally. In the future, we should have the foremen in the meetings. And maybe the Assistant Engineer. Mr. Simao asked where we stand with the recycling letters. Mr. Suprenant said we do have literature that will be mailed out and will be on the Town website. He hoped to have printed information back sooner from the printer. Most recent quote we got was for June 11. Dual stream recycling goes into effect July 1. Mrs. Priest said she was notified they would try to get it out June 9. Mr. Simao asked if we could get the senior abatement people to help mail them out. Mr. Linton said they are on hold. Mr. Suprenant said we will get the information put in the paper and on the Friday night phone call.

At 7:00 P.M. Mr. Simao motion to adjourn. Mr. Linton second. He would like to thank Mr. Haluch and Mr. Rodrigues for their service and good luck in the election. It is easy to criticize until you're in the meetings every week. All in favor.

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