

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022
Board of Public Works Conference Room

Members Present: Stephen Santos, Keith Ouellette, Alex Simao, Daniel Soares, Matias Goncalves

Also Present: Jesse English

At 6:00 PM Mr. Santos called the meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS:

6:00pm – Allen Stefanowich, 58 Pleasant Street – water service repair. There was a main water break at Mr. Stefanowich’s house about two months ago. The only reason Mr. Stefanowich has water running to his house is because a neighbor has let him run a hose from their house to his. Springfield Water & Sewer is going to do the repair but explained to Mr. Stefanowich that they could not obtain a permit from the town, therefore the job is on hold. They stated that Ludlow DPW is holding it up. Mr. Santos explained that Springfield Water & Sewer has not fixed any of the roads that they are responsible for, so the only way to hold them accountable is to not issue any permits, therefore they can’t approve the permit. Mr. Simao would like to table the matter for one week and ask someone from Springfield Water & Sewer to come to our next town meeting in hopes of getting the matter resolved. Mr. Simao would also like to invite Mr. Stefanowich back to that meeting. Mr. Simao made a motion to table the matter for one week, seconded by Mr. Soares. Vote 4-1 Mr. Ouellette abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Chapter 90 – Mr. English has completed four Chapter 90 Packages:

1. Reclaim and pave Colonial Drive, Manor Lane and Heritage Drive
2. Reclaim and pave Chapin Street, Holyoke to Fuller
3. Shim and pave Alden Street, Poole Street to Boy Scout Camp
4. Crack Sealing on Center Street and East Street

They are currently waiting to be signed by the Town Accountant before submittal. Mr. English provided a spreadsheet showing the updated cost of each project. Each project went up about 20% due to the escalation charge which equals \$15.00 a ton. This increase is due to the fuel surcharge. Only other change is that we have to use Super Pave instead of HMA1 which is a different mix, but Palmer Paving is holding the same price whether we use Super Pave or HMA1.

Trash Contract – Mr. English provided a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of prices for the RFP. After talking with Waste Management he was able to get the cost for manual pickup down and was able to get the municipal facilities cost down with Republic. Waste Management seems

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to be significantly lower in cost. There is still a deficit of \$28,912.00, Mr. English and Mr. Santos to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss.

Mr. Soares asked Mr. English if he knew if the supplies were ordered for the upcoming cleaning event. Mr. English believes that supplies were ordered he will double check on it. We are currently short staffed due to Covid, so we don't know how many employees will be able to help. They will make sure there is a truck there with 4 tons of mulch along with another truck for trash. The only issue might be with the sweeper.

Mr. Simao made a motion to file the Directors Report, seconded by Mr. Ouellette. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR REPORT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Board signed invoices.

The Chairman signed the Cemetery Commitment for April, 2022 in the amount of \$12,700.

Mr. Goncalves asked if there is anything we can do for Mr. Stefanowich as it is really bothering him. Mr. Santos explained that it's in the hands of Springfield Water & Sewer.

Mr. Soares wanted to remind the folks at home of the town wide clean-up day May 7th at 9:00 am.

Mr. Simao asked that we make sure the gazebo is all set for the parade. They're having a hard time finding the same fencing that is already there. Mr. Santos said something will be done to get it fixed so they can remove the caution tape.

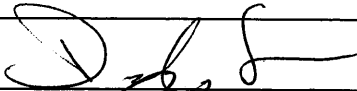
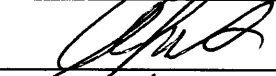

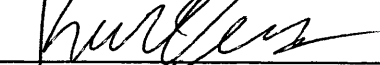
Mr. Santos read a letter that was received from Eversource Energy in regards to their moratorium roads. Eversource Energy is requesting that the Board allow them to use Precise Paving instead of Palmer Paving to repave the following roads where Eversource has performed gas utility work: 205 Miller Street, 2 Marias Way, West Street in front of Poppy's Pizza and 215 Holyoke Street. The Town of Ludlow has a contract with Palmer Paving to do the paving and milling of moratorium roads, therefore Mr. Santos reached out to them to see if they would relinquish that part of the contract if the Board decided to go forward and let Eversource use Precise Paving. Kevin Pratt of Palmer Paving agreed to allow the Town of Ludlow to let Eversource use another contractor for

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the four specified locations. For any future work Eversource is required to use Palmer Paving for any paving needs in the Town of Ludlow. Mr. Ouellette made a motion to let Eversource Energy use Precise Paving to pave the four streets in question, seconded by Mr. Simao. Vote 4-1 Mr. Goncalves abstained.

Motion was made by Mr. Simao to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ouellette. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

NOTES ACCEPTED:

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