

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on January 30, 2012.

Present

B. Nunno, Chairman
P. Vetro
F. Smith
B. Anderson

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Secretary
Mr. and Mrs. Comer, Mr. Carpenter
Ms. Asik

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Concern

Tom Comer, 31 Locust Street stated that his property borders the brook and there are a number of problems from back when Lisman was Mayor and it is getting worse. The water can not move when it gets to the Post Road. Before Hurricane Irene the water came up to his generator. Bruce stated that there used to be regular reports received; the street has been milled and paved and the culvert runs over to Cherry Street. Linda Asik, 6 Locust Street stated that she tries to remove the debris when she can. Anderson clarified that this was the Stubby Plain Brook area. Bruce stated that the water ends up over by Buick Avenue; under Cherry Street by ShopRite and to the back of St. Mary's. Buick Avenue had to be cut open; it is a mess. Public Works may be able to jet some of this out. Mr. Comer stated that there is a tremendous amount of trash here. Bruce suggested that fencing may be able to be installed and he will speak to Barrett Outdoor (the sign company). Mr. Carpenter, 18 Robbins Court stated that the debris is going through and it has been going on for years and it is a safety issue with children; it gets to be a whirlpool. Bruce stated that he could call Dr. McBride from the Health Dept. regarding the restaurant and shop owners and their debris; he will speak to Planning & Zoning as well and jet the area. Mr. Carpenter showed pictures from 1978/1979 as well as recent pictures of the area when it was flooded. Nunno asked how often it floods. Mr. Carpenter stated that it occurs 6 to 7 times per year and has been a problem for 45 years. He further stated that there are 2 dam areas that are a problem. Bruce stated that he could have MaryRose from the IWA go out to the site and make recommendations. Mr. Carpenter stated that when brush was cleaned out this summer it was a great improvement.

Director's Report

There has been some snow this season; the year to date expenses are \$65,393.00. This year there has been 9.5" of snow verses last year which was 53". A supply of mix and sand is ready.

Projects:

- Drainage projects continue; there is no frost on the ground. It has been good weather.
- The asphalt propeller has been reconditioned and this is being used for patching which saves a lot of money. Anderson thanked Bruce for fixing the hole at Governor's Avenue and Cherry Street.
- If the weather holds up; spring work will begin soon.

- There is a GPS system for Engineering in the budget; the City Engineer is also a Licensed Land Surveyor.
- The Recreation Department is putting in a new playground at Zimmerman Park – Surf Avenue.
- Nunno asked about paving and how much is done. Bruce stated that 6 miles was done last year; milled and paved. He is uncertain how much will be done this year. However, Cherry Street and Baker Street to Bridgeport Avenue and Naugatuck Avenue (Devon area) will be done.

Concerns

- Smith thanked Bruce for the barrels at the end of Naugatuck Avenue by the beach.
- The drain by Adams was cleaned from the discussion at the last meeting.
- Vetro noted that the problem by the Point Beach Fire House/Saranor Apts. has been fixed.
- The tree at Sparrow Bush – Bruce spoke to the UI Company and they want to wait for warmer weather as they will have to shut power off for a short time. Vetro asked if a broken limb at 75 Sparrow Bush could be removed.
- There has been another accident at Yale Avenue and Pond Point Avenue. Vetro stated that this is going before the Police Commission next month.
- Washington Park – Public Works will replace the shingles. Bruce spoke to KTM about the lighting and getting the lights on line and he will get pricing for this.
- Library ceiling – Allied Roofing has been there and is working on the problem.
- Vetro reported that Mr. Ziebell is bragging about Public Works and is thrilled with the outcome from the last meeting.
- There was discussion regarding Walnut Beach.
- Gulf Beach – there will be 10,000 yards of sand moved.
- Anderson reported that there is a road problem at 264 High Street. Bruce will look into this.

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit