

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on March 24, 2014.

Present

B. Anderson
P. Vetro
J. Golden

Also Present

R. Tomasco, Acting PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Golden to accept the minutes of the February meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Snow Costs – Anderson asked about this week's storm. Richie stated that a dusting is anticipated and costs should not be substantially different from last month.

Budget – the Public Works Board of Aldermen budget hearing is coming up in April. Anderson asked about transfers. Richie stated that there would be some for overtime wages for the playground and a few things.

Potholes – Richie stated that crews have been out every single day; there have been no complaints of major ones. Wheeler's Farm Road is the biggest one and has been done. Old Gate Lane will be next. Potholes have been filled for now and will be finished up in warmer weather. Research Drive needs a lot of work; it has been patched but needs a lot. Richie reported that three have popped out on Oronoque Road and was being re-patched today. It was originally done in really cold weather. A discussion followed regarding water, freezing and expansion.

Golden stated that Wheeler's Farm Road always has a lot of complaints and she asked why that is. Richie stated that it has a lot of cow patch, so to speak, and has no base. The area from the parkway to the Orange town line needs work. Oronoque Road also gets a lot of traffic; people going that way to the dump.

Sweeping – there has been 2 days of sweeping for the 5K run; Gulf Street and Old Field Lane. The Duck Pond area is being worked on now and Viscount Drive or East Broadway will be next.

Transfer Station – demolition for the scale should be complete by Friday; this is ahead of schedule.

Golden asked if the whole city is swept every year and that sweeping and drainage are issues on Oronoque Road. Richie stated that last year they started at West River Street and worked down. They try to start at a different area every year. They can not do the whole city with only one sweeper; they hopefully can with two sweepers. Golden asked about the drainage issue and if it is a schedule or should it be called in. Richie stated that it should be called in.

Vetro asked about Gulf Street. Richie stated that it will be done by the end of April.

Golden asked about sticks/bundles pick up. Richie stated that that would not be until bulk pick up and should be bundled and no longer than 4'.

Golden asked about trees on Pond Street and Green Street. Richie stated that he is meeting with the Mayor and Kim Rose on this next Monday. Three trees on Green Street were tagged for removal by the UI Company. There is a bigger meeting on 4/2/14 with Gayle Slossberg. This will be a Public Hearing on trimming verses removal and tree stability.

A discussion followed regarding flowering cherry trees to replace the crab apple trees on the green.

Golden asked about a tree on Hill and Mustard Seed. Richie stated that he will look into this; he is short staffed and cutting trees is an area of expertise. A discussion followed regarding qualifications and safety of a Tree Cutter position.

Walnut Beach drainage will begin at the end of the month.

The next regular meeting will be on April 28, 2014.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit