

## Minutes of the Public Works Committee on August 27, 2018.

### **Present**

B. Anderson  
D. German  
P. Vetro  
K. Fortunati  
J. Grant  
A. Giannattasio

### **Also Present**

C. Saley, Public Works Director  
S. Johnson, Asst. Director  
L. Streit, Secretary

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

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Giannattasio to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- Anderson asked about East Avenue. Chris stated that the catch basin is to go in and some back feeding needs to be done. The Engineer and Inspectors need to look at this.
- The Tipping Fee started on 8/15/18.
- The Splash Pad is going well. There were a few slips so the concrete was roughed some and buffed. The flag was raised.
- 701 North Street – the house next to the golf course is being renovated. The plan is to build an area for Arts in the rear. This will be sublet or be self operated; this is being discussed. Events being held here is also being discussed. The goal is to clean it up and put it out to bid. There will be some replanting of the orchard.
- Foote Field parking will be done this Fall.
- Walnut Beach has had a lot of activities and is being used a lot.
- The paving list has begun (attached); milling will begin on 9/5/18. The list was reviewed and Anderson and Fortunati will send streets that need to be on the list to Chris. German asked that Chapel Street be added to the list.

### **Director's Report**

- Chris reported that he had a Finance meeting today and garbage is an issue. We are paying \$20 per ton; which is a \$40 increase (we used to receive \$20 per ton and are now paying \$20 per ton). There is no place to bring the recycling. He is trying to get a 5 year contract with a 10 town group involved. The commodity market has really changed and glass is a big issue. The city does 4,300 tons per year.
- Public Works is trying to catch up on projects now that the Splash Pad is complete. There is a lot of work to do at Fowler with the fields since the Oyster Festival. Work on the Dog Park will begin mid September.
- Giannattasio asked about the staff positions open. Chris stated that 27 positions are open and 13 have been approved to be filled.
- Johnson reported that there will be a Memorial Ceremony for Steve and Cathy Krafmiller on Saturday 9/8/18 at 2:00 at Wilcox Park. They were both seniors and very dedicated

volunteers. They were on the Tree Commission, the Irish Heritage Club, helped doing research for the open space deeds.

### Concerns

- Giannattasio stated that at 76 Burnt Plains Road the guardrail needs repair.
- German complimented Public Works on the green downtown; it looks very nice. Chris stated that Richie Conine paid to have the vegetation cleaned up around the pond and proposed to put a fountain in. German asked if access to Nettleton Road is locked, he saw a Jeep go through there. Chris stated that it is locked and he will look into this.
- Chris is looking to contract with the Water Company in the West Rutland Road area for pavement restoration.
- Grant stated that he received many compliments on the Pumpkin Delight sidewalk. Also, there is a pothole at Seaside Avenue by the Hospital that is a constant problem. Chris stated that this is a state road and he will follow up with them. Grant asked about a water fountain at Walnut Beach that was previously discussed. Chris stated that he will follow up with this. Chris stated that the parking should be increased and enforced. It is a lot of work to clean/maintain bathrooms and collect garbage.
- Fortunati asked about the Gulf Street project. Chris stated that he met with the design team; Frontier and the UI Company have to move a few poles. The project has to go to the DOT and go out to bid; probably not until Spring. Fortunati asked to look at the plans. Chris stated that it is a very large packet and they are in the Engineering office. Anderson stated that he would like to have a public forum on this. Fortunati stated that she is concerned with speeding which is already an issue. Chris stated that a permanent speed sign is to be part of the project.
- Fortunati stated that she is on the Recycling Task Force and has worked with Julie Nash from Community Development for a Green Halloween the last week of October. This is to reuse single use bags with an education component. The City will contribute 2000 recyclable bags that Shop Rite, Adams and Stop and Shop will distribute.
- Vetro reported that the Margaret Egan Center daycare has reported that the roof is leaking. Chris stated that the roof was done and the Operator of the daycare center is responsible for her space. He will look into it.

The next regular meeting will be on September 24, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit