

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on August 30, 2011.

Present

B. Joy, Jr.
P. Vetro
D. German
N. Veccharelli

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Director's Report

Hurricane Irene – preparation began on Tuesday; putting things away, equipment preparation for the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works. The Senior Center was to be used as a shelter but was deemed not suitable due to its low area. Platt Tech was considered and Jonathan Law High School was ultimately decided for shelter use. 30 – 40 people used the shelter; this is the most people in history. Public Works will be cleaning up from this storm for another month or so.

The Oyster Festival went well.

A Ford Fusion has been obtained. This is a hybrid car and must be maintained by Ford as Public Works is not equipped to work on these as of yet. A discussion followed regarding vehicle purchase and it was noted that the Dodge Stratus's were the best buy.

Winter preparation has begun; plows and sanders are being looked at. Two plows and a recycling truck have been ordered and will hopefully be delivered by 12/1/11. Recycling trucks are being rented now and 4 are being purchased. The new recycling program is going well so far; no data is available yet.

There was discussion regarding the sale of Beard Gravel.

The next Bulk Pick up will be in September on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th and then leaf pick up will begin.

Concerns

Veccharelli brought a piece from the sign at Broadie's Place playground that fell off and hit someone (fortunately no one was injured). It is a heavy piece and is only for decorative use. A letter from a resident was submitted regarding this incident. Bruce will follow up with this. A discussion regarding Eisenhower Park followed.

German noted that the railings at Morningside have been fixed but the benches are broken. Bruce stated that they have been fixed and he will see if they have held up after the storm. Three drains in front of 46 Soundview (the corner of Summitt) are all clogged. Bruce will look into this. German asked about the work on Old Gate Lane and if the road is being widened and if

there will be a drain there. Bruce stated that the drains have already been put in and the conduit for the gas, UI and AT & T is being installed. Pavement will begin next week.

The next regular meeting will be on 9/26/11.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit