

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on September 23, 2008.

Present

P. Vetro, Chairman
N. Veccharelli, Jr.
J. Toohey
B. Nunno

Also Present

B. Kolwicz, PW Director
L. Streit, Recording Secretary
K. Hamill
D. Worroll

Minutes

A motion was made by Toohey, seconded by Veccharelli to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Paving was completed today – 7 miles were done for the year; Orland and W. Orland, Whipporwill, Woodmont Road as well as other areas.

Sweeping continues; the entire city gets done. Complaints continue to be received regarding Naugatuck Avenue. The problem in this area is that there are pavers filled with sand and the sand washes out.

Drainage work is ongoing – W. Rutland Road and Narrow Lane had some long standing problems and this has been fixed.

Garbage barrels are staying put. However, dome tops and the tops to recycling barrels are being lost. Rocking toys at Doolittle Park are being taken; they are being unbolted and taken for the metal. Scrapping is a big problem. Heavy barrels are being looked into but these are costly.

10/4/08 is Hazardous Waste Day at Public Works. A flyer was distributed. There is also propane tank disposal at the Firehouse on Wheeler's Farm Road.

Salt – the budget was cut \$5,000.00 and the costs have increased. It is anticipated that there will be a deficit of \$13,000.00. An article in the paper was reviewed regarding salt being in short supply. There is no salt left from last year and the winter weather is uncertain. A discussion followed regarding more difficult areas such as Anderson Avenue verses the shore areas.

Sand Shed pictures were reviewed; it has a concrete foundation. The construction was reviewed; Public Works did the welding on the project.

The permit has been received for the stairs and handicapped access at Parsons. The compressors are in place and hooked up.

Plans for drainage for the Senior Center – a pre-bid meeting was held and it is anticipated to begin by the end of the year. A discussion followed regarding the history of renovations to the building and drainage problems. This project will fix the problems.

Tree work continues.

Old equipment/vehicles will be auctioned off in October. Some people bid on old cars for scrap. Some equipment is 20-25 years old.

Worroll stated that Parks, Recreation and Beach had a great season and Public Works did a great job. There were very few complaints on the beaches. The fees for rental of the pavilions were reviewed by Dan Worroll, Bill McCarthy and the Mayor. It has been a \$100.00 rental fee since 1983. This fee was compared to Stratford and they have different fees for businesses verses residents. Milford charges \$100.00 verses Stratford which charges \$500.00. It was discussed that Public Works costs to clean, etc. should be incorporated into the fees. Fowler Field and Walnut Beach pavilions were discussed. These pavilions have schedules with multiple events and vendors must have insurance (this approximate cost is \$450.00). Last year \$13,000.00 was taken in for beach parking and \$1,800.00 for events. This money goes into the general fund but should go back into beach maintenance. Parson's Auditorium rental fees were briefly discussed and this is being worked on.

Purchasing equipment procedure was discussed.

Veccharelli suggested having dumpsters for problem garbage areas such as the beaches. A discussion followed stating that people bring stuff from all over to put in a dumpster. Bruce stated that last year there were 28 barrels at Gulf Beach and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday they were all totally full.

The next regular meeting will be on 10/28/08.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit