

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of November 24, 2014

Present

B. Anderson
D. German
P. Vetro
F. Smith

Also Present

C. Saley, 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 Smith to approve the minutes of 10/27/14 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Vetro addressed trees in the Walnut Street area. The UI Company has been cutting trees and the residents are not happy; the trees are just being chopped. He further stated that he looked into the Ordinance and found that the UI Company is supposed to give residents 10 days notice and consider their concerns.

Director's Report

Chris stated that he has been very busy with preventive stuff; looking at new plow trucks. The department is short about 4 trucks. New trucks have self contained chassis/sanders and therefore have less wear and tear. Leaf pick up has been ongoing and he is trying to prepare for the first snow that is anticipated to be on Wednesday.

Chris is looking for a bid waiver for the Transfer Station. This is currently under contract with Enviro and costs the city \$360,000.00/year plus \$14.87/lb. He feels the City can save \$100,000.00/yr and after capital outlay for equipment another \$80,000.00. Three Public Works men do lawn, cleaning, etc. now and the roof needs repair. He is trying to streamline the contract and it can be renewed for 5 years. The City can keep Enviro for transporting garbage/debris at a cost per pound. He will eventually need a new full time employee. The Transfer Station used to do 50,000 tons per year and it is now half of that. There are currently 2 Enviro employees and 3 Public Works employees. The Enviro people load the trucks and cover them and Public Works does the rest. Passes/cost needs to be clarified and the ordinance needs to be amended to be more specific.

Public Works does a lot of sweeping of the streets and are going to start using exclusive salt. A lot of towns are using this and this year it will be used on 4 routes.

Chris stated that he will be looking for an Administrative position in his next budget. He is looking to conserve energy in the city buildings. The Library was discussed; it needs a new roof. Parson's was discussed. There needs to be an energy audit. Chris referenced the Board of

Education doing a similar project. A Team Leader aspect was discussed for contract negotiations.

The Gulf Street overpass was discussed; it is always flooding and they are looking to raise the pipe. The flow in this area was reviewed.

The area of Rose's Mill to Woodmont – the UI is looking to go underground beginning December 1st. Chris is looking for the UI to mill half of the road with this project.

Concerns

German stated that sand in Woodmont is an issue and feels the City and the Borough should both contribute to this for the public portion. This was discussed.

Vetro stated that Lewis Company and Public Works are chopping trees down in the Walnut Street area without a plan and the residents are upset and they were not notified. Chris stated that he would go out there and speak to the UI and maybe meet with Lewis Company.

Anderson stated that the Maplewood Avenue neighbors want sidewalks. Chris stated that this could be put on the list. Anderson stated that kids walk from Jonathan Law as well as down to the beach. Chris will look into this. Anderson further stated that East Town Street is very dark and dangerous. Chris will look into this. Vetro suggested a marker to tell how many inches of water is on underpasses to prevent people from trying to go under.

Smith asked about lights on Walnut Beach Park. Chris stated that this will not happen till next season.

Vetro asked about the groin on Gulf Beach as well as a timeframe for this. Chris stated that he would like to get other prices; there is not even final approval from DEEP yet. It is being reviewed. The consensus from the Committee is to proceed as planned on this project.

Anderson stated that he has received complaints about Grillo; the noise and smell. Chris stated that he has received no complaints.

The next regular meeting will be on 1/26/15.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit