

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on November 26, 2012.

Present

B. Nunno, Chairman
P. Vetro
B. Anderson
F. Smith

Also Present

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

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

Director's Report

Storm Sandy – was discussed. It was a bad storm and water came up fast; there was a lot of damage. It was a category 1 storm. People lost power for up to a week. There was a lot of sand and storm debris. 30,000 cubic yards of debris has been removed versus 3,000 cubic yards for storm Irene. Eisenhower Park is being used for storage. The Mayor put out a press release; the end of this week will be the end of storm pick up. Sweeping started on Melba Street and cleaning of catch basins has begun. Public Works has been extremely busy.

Vetro stated that he worked the Point Beach area and residents stated what a fantastic job Public Works has done with clean up. Nunno agreed; residents in the Silver Sands area reported the same and that they were impressed with the Police presence. Smith agreed. Bruce stated that the UI Company did a good job. A survey was taken from the public after storm Irene and asked if energy or safety were the priority and the response was safety. Anderson stated that Sunnyside Court got hit bad and Public Works responded first and did a terrific job. Nunno stated that he has a friend that lives in Branford and when the power was turned back on there was a power surge and his house caught fire and burned down.

Bruce reported that FEMA has been good; Public Works was able to have garbage pick up on time. Snow is anticipated in the morning. Leaf pick up will resume this weekend. The gas pipe fire at High Street was discussed; pictures were reviewed

Concerns

Vetro asked about a power line down on Forest Road; apparently a tree took it down. Bruce will look into this and follow up.

The budget was discussed. Funds are low. Bruce will be coming before the Board of Aldermen.

Nunno asked about the Harbor and if FEMA or insurance would cover the boat ramp, etc. and if Public Works equipment damage could be covered under FEMA. Bruce stated that equipment was not damaged and there is a \$50,000.00 deductible. The Harbor is a separate entity. CIRMA and Public Works helped out and they are not in bad shape.

Smith asked about the vegetation at the fence on Eighth Avenue. Bruce stated that he would look into this. Smith asked about the ceiling at the Library. Bruce stated that Sly is working on it and he will follow up with this.

The next regular meeting will be on December 18, 2012.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit