

Present

B. Anderson
B. Bevan
D. German
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

The recent storm was addressed. Anderson stated that his next door neighbor was out shoveling at 9:30 a.m. and the City plows did not come through until 7:45 p.m. Vetro stated that they did not come through his neighborhood until 9:00 p.m.; Bevan stated 9:00 p.m. in his neighborhood as well. Residents shoveled and then plows came and buried people's driveways. Another complaint was that the whole road was not plowed; it was just a narrow section down the middle of the street.

An item of Old Business has been created on the Agenda in order to follow up on concerns that have had no response.

Minutes

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Bevan to accept the minutes of 11/28/16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- Regarding the snow; Chris stated that the infrastructure needs to be invested in and contractors should have been brought in. The roads were plowed between 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and once it rained; it sheeted. There are 14 trucks in the fleet verses 16 trucks and 4 of those trucks went down. It was bad timing and won't happen again. Other Towns had the same effect. Crew hours have been established at 16 hours on and off for 8 hours. Contractors should have been brought in earlier. The precipitation flash froze and it was a balance of timing. Pre treatment was used but should have been done sooner. Chris is trying to figure out the fleet size and what trucks are better where. It got very cold; went from 50° to 24°. Vetro stated that trucks went through streets fast and therefore, spread the snow/slush and a better job has to be done as this effects mail delivery as well. Chris stated that the goal is to have GPS in the trucks this week. Staff is down 18 positions and this is a lengthy process to fill these; there are a lot of negotiations going on and job descriptions being revised/updated. One position was just filled by promoting from within in Waste Water.
- Parsons Auditorium – Anderson stated that there was an article in the paper that this is being leased out. Steve Cooper approached the City to use the building for performances on a show by show basis and see how this goes. Anderson stated that the Orange Times referred to the Auditorium at Parsons as the Milford Performing Center and stated that this needs to be clarified that this is the Veterans Auditorium. Bevan stated that 40 years ago bands played here and it was rented as a venue.
- Founder's Walk wall – an 8 - 10' wall is being installed. They are excavating down to a suitable base; the contractor is to put forms in. This is a huge project; there is a lot of ledge. It is anticipated that the digging will be complete this week.
- Anderson asked about organics. Chris stated that the goal is to do up to 500 homes; collecting yard waste and leaves from May to October and charge \$100.00 per can. This would be no added costs to the City other than disposal fees. German asked about composting. Chris stated that they are not prepared for material storage/dumping.

- Contracts are being signed for projects at Crescent Beach, Walnut Beach, Pelham Street, Gulf Street, Welche's Point and Break Water. There will be a meeting with the DEEP tomorrow. There have been big organizational changes within the DEEP.
- \$4,000,000.00 has been approved by the Board of Finance tonight for paving. This is bonded funding. A discussion followed regarding combining services with the Board of Education regarding buildings, snow removal, etc.

Concerns:

- Vetro thanked Public Works for the tree work done on Hill Top Circle and asked about 610 Merwin Avenue. Chris stated that the pipes have been cleaned and the project has to go out to bid. Vetro asked about the potholes at 37 Lafayette Street. Chris will follow up with this. Vetro asked about 23 Bird Lane. Chris stated that this is being worked on.
- German asked about the logo for the new trucks. Chris stated that this hasn't been addressed as of yet.
- Anderson asked about Darina Place. Chris stated that he met with the UI Company and this project can be done for approximately \$200,000.00. Anderson stated that there are several bags of leaves at 43 Ingersol Drive that have been there for some time. Chris stated that he will look into this.

The next meeting will be on 01/23/17.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit