Minute of the Public Works Committee on November 29, 2021

**Present Also Present**

E. Beatty C. Saley, PW Director

P, Vetro S. Johnson, Assistant Director of PW

R. Vitale L. Streit, Recording Secretary

W. Willis

T. Giannattasio

M. Arciuolo

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Giannattasio, seconded by Willis to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Director’s Report**

* Paving was completed in the last 2-3 weeks. Most of downtown has been completed; some new stop signs have been installed as well as a handicapped ramp at the Post Office.
* The Tree Lighting Ceremony was held this past Friday and was very well received. It was a very nice event and the sound system worked well.
* Public Works is preparing for the snow season; there were some flurries this past weekend. It is anticipated that this will be a challenging year for supplies and meeting the demand. Beatty stated that the Bayview area looks great but there is an issue with the paving before the storm drain on East Avenue. Chris will follow up with this.
* Some significant tides are anticipated this coming week. Steve stated that on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8’ tides are anticipated. This will typically create some street flooding which will hopefully drain back out. Some areas in BayView and New Haven Avenue will be pre-staged and will be watched.
* The Morningside project was awarded to B & W Contractors. They are in the final stages of detailing the project and expenses. CDBG funds will also be used for this project as well as funds from the State. Beatty asked if any of this funding could be used for administration. Steve stated that 5% of the funding could be used for administration and further stated that the projects are run pretty lean and continuity of people working on projects is necessary. Calculations and matching obligations are being reviewed.

**New Business**

* Steve stated that they are preparing vehicles and contractors for the winter and are having difficulty getting drivers. Chris stated that the truck delivery is running late and feels this will be a challenge.
* The sidewalk contract went out to bid; 6 companies bid and 3 were awarded – Edo Construction, Layton Industries and William Laydon Construction. These contracts are renewable for 5 years with a 2% increase per year.
* The snow plow bid will be coming out this week and two plow trucks are anticipated.
* There was a discussion on tree and debris removal and 75% reimbursement is anticipated.
* Tree removal in the 1st District – in the Centennial area; tops of trees are being cut for efficiency.
* The agreement with the energy company that runs the microgrid at Parsons will be coming before the Board of Aldermen. There was a meeting with the energy company 2 weeks ago and it was discussed that battery power will be coming.

**Concerns**

* Vetro asked about the area of Sparrowbush Lane; plows dug up the planting strip. Chris will follow up with this.
* Arciuolo asked about Oxford Road; this is a high traffic street and there is a slope in front of a residence with a dent in the road leading to a crack. Chris will follow up with this.
* Ward reported sidewalk damage at 125 Beaverbrook Road. Chris will follow up with this.
* Beatty asked about the rescue plan funds. Chris stated that he is on the committee and Waste Water needs a lot of work, he also met with the Harbor Master and there will be concrete paving verses asphalt at Lisman Landing.
* Giannattasio reported a dead tree at 23 Merwin circle; this is a city tree and needs to be removed. Steve stated that this is on the list for removal but is a low priority at this time. Beatty stated that she would like tree replacement for future discussion on the agenda.
* Chris reported that a new concrete walk was installed at the Public Works entrance.
* Giannattasio stated that the old Howard Johnson site has a lot of graffiti and looks very bad. Beautification of the city was discussed and Giannattasio stated that he would reach out to the Health Department. Steve stated that this may be a Planning & Zoning issue.

The next regular meeting will be on January 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Willis, seconded by Giannattasio to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit