

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of May 27, 2014.

Present

B. Anderson
J. Golden
F. Smith
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Director's Report

The Gulf Street wall should be complete within the next few days; the bend at Welche's Point Road is next. The survey and site work will try to be done more in house and will be more cost effective. Anderson asked if the banister was for protection. Chris stated that per Kim Kell; risk assessment needed it and there was a \$10,000.00 credit for doing so. The road had to be cut and paved which increased the costs by about \$5,000.00; so there will be an approximate credit of \$4,000.00.

Chris stated that he wants to look at the bidding process and have Public Works be the General Contractor and sub out work.

The YMCA project has 4 bidders that need to be reviewed (Chris is a consultant on this project). Anderson reviewed that this would have 2 fields, a climbing wall, track and walking area. Chris stated that the City Attorney is to meet with the YMCA Representative and the goal is to get 4 fields. The orchard trees were wired and can not be just cut down. This project is all in the beginning stages. Golden asked about workout rooms on the second floor. Chris stated that parking was an issue for this and 115 more spaces are proposed.

Chris met with Steve Johnson and walked some of the properties; Wampus Lane and the Soloman property and the goal is to use the garage for storage with parking in the rear. The area off of North Street is another piece of property.

Vetro asked Chris to contact the Police Chief for the file on Gulf Street. There is concern with traffic and accidents.

Chris reported that the clock tower at City Hall will be complete in a month or so; the interior has been fixed and the exterior is now being worked on.

6-8 miles of paving to be done; Wheeler's Farm Road and Old Field Lane are to be done.

Sidewalks and areas around the schools; snow removal process is being worked on.

Vetro stated that Gulf Beach looks nice this year. Chris reported that he had the manufacturer of the sand cleaning machine come down and train on this; it had been being used incorrectly. Beach stabilization was discussed; groins are the long range plan.

Anderson asked about the sidewalks on Darina Place. Chris stated that he anticipates them being done by the end of the summer. The Municipal lot in Devon needs to be swept and garbage removed. Chris will look into this.

Smith reported that there are broken drain pipes at Wildwood Avenue. Chris will look into this. Smith asked about Tree Warden Certification. Chris stated that training is to be completed on Thursday. Tree trimming was discussed that it needs to be more aggressive. People are being trained to be in the bucket truck. A discussion followed regarding sub contracting.

Vetro reported that Richard Street near Atwater there is a deep hole connected to a catch basin that is very dangerous. Chris will look into this. The Point Beach area was discussed.

Anderson asked about crosswalks. Chris stated that this needs Police approval. Anderson stated that Shipyard Lane is in need. Chris will look into this.

Chris stated that he is working on the Department being more customer service friendly. Bulk pick up was discussed as well as the Transfer Station.

Golden reported that she has received complaints of pot holes on Fresh Meadow Lane and that it is too narrow. Oronoque Road and Joyce Court there has been a cone over a drain for a few weeks now and 2 trees need to be cut. Chris will look into this.

Anderson asked about the asphalt on Liberty Street. Chris will look into this.

Vetro asked about Carmen Road and reported that the residents at the end of the road have flooded basements from Storm Sandy. Chris will look at the drainage there. A discussion followed on the drainage on Marsh Street and Derby.

Anderson asked about the culvert on Naugatuck Avenue. Chris stated that this has to go to the DOT then the Feds and hopefully will go out to bid in August. This work will start at the VFW and will be 1,000 linear feet.

The next regular meeting will be on 6/23/14.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit