Minutes of the Public Works Committee of September 28, 2015.

Present Also Present

B. Anderson

D. German

F. Smith

P. Vetro

C. Saley, PW Director L. Streit, Secretary

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

## **Director's Report**

- Interviews are being conducted for the City Engineer position. 5 people have been interviewed and are being rated and of those 3 will be interviewed by the Mayor and then a decision will be made.
- The paving schedule for the fall was reviewed. Woodmont Road and Old Gate Lane has a problem; the conduit is clogged, there is a meeting on Thursday to address this. Staff will be trained in Flagging School. Flagging will be done in house. Milling and paving will be done using heavy duty asphalt. The first area to be done will be Woodruff Road to Route 1 and Roses Mill to Woodmont Road to exit 40. The second area will be Pauline Street, Hoover and Lindy. The third area will be Pond Point Avenue, Yale to Melba, Platt to Virginia to Point Beach Drive. The fourth area will be Hilltop Circle and Hilltop Circle East, McDermott and Catherine Court. The fifth area will be Dart Hill, Musket Hill, Pine Knob Terrace and Lavery. The sixth area will be High Street to West Main Street. There is a lot of building going on in this area so paving will depend on that schedule.
- Tree lifts are being repaired and curbing is being made ADA compliant.
- Dart Hill Road was discussed; part of the road was done 3 years ago, this section will not be repaved.
- A resident on Apple Hill Drive put in solar panels and trees are shading the house and he wants them taken down. They were trimmed.
- A lot of preparation work is being done at Eisenhower Park.
- Drainage work has begun at Bayview, Wildemere and Cedar Streets.
- Preparation for the winter season has begun.
- One of the West Avenue pumps blew this week in a tight spot; this will be a 6-8 week project to repair.
- The Naugatuck Avenue drainage project will begin this week.

## **Concerns:**

**Anderson** stated that the residents in the Wilson, High Street, White Oaks Terrace and Virginia area have given good feedback; they are very happy with the work.

**Vetro** received a complaint from a Merwin Avenue resident about a tree in the wires. This resident has called several people; UI, the City and has spent some money on trying to get ride of it. It has carpenter ants in it. Chris will look into this. Also, the speed limit signs on Platt Street can not be seen due to overgrowth; Buckingham and Melba as well. Chris will look into this.

**Smith** stated that the residents in the area of Seaflower, Windsong Lane are very impressed with Public Works since Chris became the Director.

A discussion followed regarding the grant the city received in the amount of \$850,000.00 for planning, permitting and construction for the beach areas (Walnut Beach, Gulf Beach and Wildemere Beach). Removing the pilings was discussed. This is a very difficult process; much more difficult than anticipated.

Smith further stated that the knotweed at the entrance to the board walk at Silver Sands is seriously overgrown. Chris stated it has been a very busy season but he is aware of this. The Costa Azzura area was discussed. Chris has a meeting on 10/6/15 with the residents of Heritage Sound at the Margaret Egan Center.

Pelham Street is an area that will be worked on to recapture the city property; residents have taken over its use.

Curbing has been installed at the Transfer Station and the lining has been completed. There is now a dumpster for steel; this has been negotiated and money will be made with this. German suggested a Goodwill receptacle be placed at the Transfer Station. A discussion followed regarding bulk pick up.

**German** stated that there is a grant for \$225,000.00 to study Crescent Beach. A discussion followed regarding relocating sand and permits from DEEP. German asked about paving Parkland Street and street sweeping. Chris stated that two sweeper trucks are out everyday sweeping areas and Milford center is done every Friday and this takes about 6 hours to do. German stated that Anderson Avenue, Meetinghouse and Cornfield all need sweeping.

**Anderson** showed pictures of Strawberry Hill and Peach Tree with grass growing in the streets. Chris will look into this.

There was a discussion on vendors for paving and the bidding process.

The next regular meeting will be on 10/26/15 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit