

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of September 30, 2014

Present

B. Anderson
D. German
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Director's Report

There was a discussion on the project at Parson's. Anderson stated that it was a nice job and you could see pride in workmanship. Saley stated that the labor for the project is in-kind from Public Works and the material is being donated by the South West Conservation District.

A discussion followed regarding Eisenhower Park – the UI Company took down some trees.

There was discussion on equipment/paving and sharing ideas with other towns. A per diem Draftsman has been hired (10-20 hours per week) and has been working on the Welches' Point wall extension as well as Gulf Pond to Bay View. Work is to be done in house.

It cost \$56,000.00 for design, construction and administration for the roof on the Public Works building. There are a lot of areas to look at to save money. Foot Field with Eisenhower – looking at new parking area to be parallel to North Street. Most work is to be done in house with the long term goal being to put ball fields there.

Walnut Beach – to the left upon entering – looking to improve parking for emergency access. A discussion followed regarding out of towners parking on the street and not paying to park and some resolutions to this.

Chris is meeting with Milford Progress tomorrow night to discuss; Welcome signs, Community events, Kawanis signs, etc. and to include all input.

Composting, mulch and logs are being looked at for storage of storm debris at an area next to the transfer station.

The dock area at Caswell Cove is currently for non motor boats and this is being looked at to expand for motorized boating. The cat problem in this area needs to be addressed.

A 5 mega watt micro grid was discussed as a cost saving measure and the Gulf Pond area should be looked at. A discussion followed regarding micro grids and generators for Parson's. Snyder Electric is the lead on this with \$3,000,000 in grant money from DEEP.

Parson's electrical improvements will cost \$425,000.00 with \$278,000.00 in incentives and the UI Company to finance the balance over a 3 year period for a savings of \$50,000.00 and then a \$100,000.00 savings per year going forward.

There are a lot of older vehicles that will be put up for auction and/or scrapped.

A discussion followed regarding the Transfer Station and operating it in house. It is currently run by Enviro Corporation. A reduction in tonnage of trash has been seen. Having it run in house will save \$100,000.00 in the first year. As of 10/1/14; anyone who comes with a dump card will pay \$1.00 for the first 500 lbs. and then \$.04/lb after that for pick up trucks.

Concerns:

Vetro asked about Merritt and Old Point Road; there is a large depression in the road from tree removal. Chris will look into this.

German asked about funds for dredging the Wepawaug. Chris stated that there is a grant in process for \$750,000.00 and can be done in house one section at a time; or be done as a General Contractor and sub some of the work out. German asked about street sweeping in Woodmont. Chris stated that this is complete the week after Labor Day. German stated that Cornflower and Meetinghouse Lane needs to be swept and that the residents say it hasn't been done. Chris will look into this. German asked if the lids on the recycling barrels could be left closed when emptied so they will not fill up with rain. German asked about the Wellness Survey. Chris stated that Human Resources has come in.

The next regular meeting will be on 10/27/14.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit