

Minutes of the Public Works Committee of October 27, 2014

Present

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

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of 8/25/14 and 9/30/14 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Golden to recess at 7:05 p.m. in order to attend the South Western Conservation District Annual Meeting at Parson's. Public Works is receiving an award for their work with the rain garden at Parson's. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Golden, seconded by Vetro to reconvene at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Anderson stated that the rain garden project was a wonderful example of public and private collaboration. Chris praised Steve Johnson for his hard work and dedication.

Director's Report

In the next few months Beaverbrook will be worked on; the trails and boardwalk, design and ADA compliance. Golden asked if there were a list of trails in Milford. Saley stated that there are a lot at Eisenhower Park and suggested contacting Steve Johnson for this information.

Drainage projects are being worked on through CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). 610 Merwin Avenue will be done in house and LOSIP funds are being looked at for paving; Point Beach Drive, Bayview, Milford Point and Calf Pen the tidal gate area.

Treatment Plants are being looked at to be more efficient at removing sludge. Sludge currently gets shipped to Waterbury and gets burned and this costs \$375,000.00. Solar and co-generation is being looked at for energy efficiency.

LED bulbs are being looked at for city buildings. These cost more to purchase but less for energy and will last longer and are guaranteed. Vetro questioned a guarantee. Anderson discussed man hour's involved and new technology. Smith stated that LED may be required eventually. Chris is looking at the scope of service and negotiating a cost per noting that all new projects are using LED lights. All of those present were in favor of pursuing this.

Revere Place – drainage work is being done. Will replace curbs, sidewalks and pave. Anderson stated that there is a manhole cover in a back yard here. Chris will look into this. Carmen Road will be next. This drainage work is to be done in house. Engineering rules have changed, partly due to this area. Houses can not be built below center elevation of the road in front of a house. Drainage work is to be done on Pashal Drive by the 4th hole of the golf course.

Rock Lane was discussed and Welche's Point Road. The pump stations need to be budgeted for and fixed and have a back up pump for major pump stations. Touring the sewage treatment plant was discussed. There are 45 pump stations in Milford.

Anderson asked about transfer station fees. Chris stated that this year is will be \$30.00 for 24 stops and \$60.00 for 48 stops and next year it will be \$50.00 for 24 stops and \$100.00 for 48 stops. Contractors are the issue, not cars. There is a lot of abuse. The City doing the operation of the Transfer Station was discussed and keeping the transport component as is. Chris stated that he feels there should be a bid waiver for this. Vetro asked if privatizing sanitation is being considered. Chris stated that that would be a difficult contract negotiation. Sanitation workers hours worked per day and salaries were discussed. The current contract expires on 6/30/15 and it is Chris's goal to start negotiations in January.

Anderson asked about the sea walls. Chris stated that he walked Morning Side today with the President of the Association.

Chris stated that he is interviewing for the tree crew and has two people left. There are currently 10 open positions in Public Works now.

Preparing for winter was discussed. Chris stated that they are short on plow trucks and looking at the sanding and salting process. He has discussed using salt exclusively with other municipalities and one issue is that it will wear on the trucks. Material wise, Public Works is ok. He is looking to purchase two plow trucks using Town Aide. He is also looking to get new radios for trucks and the long term goal is to get the trucks GPS on line. He is looking for things to be more efficient.

Concerns:

Smith stated that the No Parking signs at Laurel Beach are too far onto resident's property and he asked if they could be moved closer to the street. Chris will look into this.

German asked about sand for Woodmont. Chris stated that there is 200 cubic yards available from Stamford. Silver Sands wants sand as well. He will find out the cost and present this to the Mayor. This also needs to be discussed with Sue Jacobson from the DEP.

Vetro asked about trees on Baxter Lane. Chris asked that the resident be referred to him and he will look into it. Vetro also stated that when the UI Company changes poles, the signs that were on the poles don't get replaced. Chris stated that he will talk to the UI Company. 164 Baxter Lane; after Storm Sandy utility wires came down and the UI Company put new ones up and in

the process busted the sidewalk with their truck. Chris asked that the resident call himself or Kelly and they would take care of it.

Dredging the Wepawaug was discussed and grant money is not likely for this project as it is not a flood issue but a water quality issue and is not a grant priority.

Anderson thanked everyone for coming to the Ceremony; it is a great project.

The next regular meeting will be on 11/24/14.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit