

Committee Members Present

W. Willis
E. Beatty
B. Bevins
P. Healy
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
R. Harrigan, Solid Waste Foreman
L. Streit, Recording Secretary

Director's Report (report attached)

- Chris briefly reviewed the Department of Public Works and the Wastewater Reports. Rob created a Facebook page as well as Instagram site in order to keep the public informed. It has been a fairly mild winter.
- Chris just came from the Board of Finance budget meeting and reviewed the budget for vehicles; the breakdown of vans, trash truck, vac truck and retrofitting truck. Funds have been approved to purchase trucks; the last trucks that were purchased was 8 years ago. The Vac Truck is to be refurbished; this is a heavily used vehicle and is used to maintain catch basins.
- Regarding staffing; there have been some technical changes in positions.
- There is a great need to educate the public regarding Wastewater.
- Public Works is helping with the work being done at St. Gabe's school for the Boys and Girls Club project. There are some old fuse boxes that are a fire hazard and need to be removed. Public Works staff will help update the electrical system.
- Preparing and coordinating for the Public Works office full remediation.
- A bid has been received for tree removal.
- Funds have been bonded for sidewalk and road work as well as for sewers/upgrades and various city buildings.

Sewer Report (report attached)

- Cricklewood had a backup that had to be addressed.
- Everyone likes the implementation of the monthly reports and therefore staff is looking to get more automation at Wastewater to obtain data/reports. Working on software that will help with better tracking of fuel. Trucks are to have cameras in order to prevent illegal dumping. There will be an elimination on extra tote purchasing. If people have more garbage/recycling than can fit in the tote, it can be brought to the Transfer Station.
- Sludge is getting very expensive. Vetro asked about radiation, discussed at the last meeting, being a problem being in garbage. Rob stated that they now have handheld monitors and at the scale there are two poles that are detectors as well. A discussion followed regarding the need for better communication and education for the public.
- The Community Garden was discussed. There has been a \$65,000.00 deer fence put in; there has been a tremendous amount of work done at Eisenhower Park – tree work, gravel and trash pick up twice weekly. The model plane area has been paved. The garden season is March – November. A discussion followed regarding costs and that volunteers could assist with this cost. There are 120 plots with rules for participation. It is not inexpensive to maintain and there needs to be a better line of communication with the public.
- Fees for the Transfer Station were discussed; \$5.00 plus a charge for the weight. \$.055 per pound and \$.075 per pound for bulk items for trucks. November is leaf clean up where bags are taken curbside at no charge. A discussion followed regarding trash pick up.
- Energy was briefly discussed and ways to be more efficient are being researched.

The next regular meeting will be on March 25, 2024.

A motion was made by Healy, seconded by Beatty to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Streit