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Board of Public Works Special Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Public Works Garage

Members present: Chairman Sean Walsh, Vice-Chairman Wayne Finkle, Yashu Putorti
Members not present: Al Bruno, Phil Wilhelmy
Others present: Robert Koskelowski, Jr., Dennis Rozum

→ Sean Walsh opened the meeting at 7:04 PM

ITEM #1: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM #2: Public comment
→ There was no public comment.

ITEM #3: Financial Update
→Rozum reported that since we just started in the new budget year things look pretty good. He said that he was able to encumber money for tires, underground pipe, basin tops, grates, sweeper gutter brooms and shoes, and asphalt for curbing and patches and has POs in for railing for Moss Avenue. Walsh asked if it was worthwhile to look into the purchase of a spare transmission for a 550 to keep in the shop. Rozum stated that he did encumber money for a transmission for Truck 59 and that transmission may be the same as that in the 550s. Walsh asked if there was enough encumbered money to purchase a plow blade or a plow. Rozum said he didn't think so. Walsh asked if it was worth looking into the purchase of a polymer spreader or chains or other items for spreaders. Finkle suggested looking into the purchase of a plow undercarriage replacement kit. Rozum will contact Town Hall to get a definitive remaining dollar amount and then will contact Walsh to weigh options.
→ Finkle asked about LOCIP funds, which he heard are being spent in the schools. Putorti confirmed this and said the LOCIP spending regulations where changed following the events in Sandy Hook. The money will be used to install panic buttons, improve locks, and install a protective film coating on glass in entry ways.
→ Walsh asked Rozum if he supplied a list of priorities for road repair/chip-sealing. Rozum said this was done as part of the five-year plan, $100,000 of LOCIP funds will be used to chip-seal approximately 3.5 miles of road. The work will be done by Seymour Sealing, which is on the state bid list. Walsh also asked Rozum to look into the amount of LOCIP funds actually spent on road improvement, paving, or infrastructure over the past five years. Rozum noted that the money doesn't get as far as it did five years ago when road work costs were lower.

→ Walsh asked about STEP grant funds, which used to be used to repair sidewalks. Rozum said that the town is currently working on a grant to repair sidewalks on Spruce, Grand, and Meadow Streets. There is no current funding. Walsh asked Rozum to look into how many linear feet of sidewalk as well as how many miles of asphalt overlay on a typical width road could have been could have been purchased with LOCIP funds that were otherwise spent.
→ Finkle asked about the steel plate on the sidewalk on the bridge near Stop and Shop. Rozum said he looked into it with the state and was told it was one of the utility companies.
→ Walsh noted that the tranfers signed at last month's meeting were tabled by the Board of Selectmen because back-up information was not received in a timely manner. Next Tuesday, the Board of Selectmen will vote on the transfer. Rozum will check to make sure the Board has the necessary information before this meeting.

ITEM #4: Vehicle Update
→ Rozum said Truck 33 is in the shop. The engine had been out and was then put back in, then half the engine lost compression, so the truck is back in the shop. They will try to fire it up tomorrow morning.
→ Finkle asked if all vehicle inspections are up to date. Rozum said that the one that was due in June was not done because the department was short-staffed, but will be done soon. Walsh asked if that truck is in use. Rozum said no. Rozum said a few more trucks are due for inspection this month and will be done soon as well. Rozum said the fire department's rescue truck was in for a drive shaft, but that was finished today and should be out tomorrow.
→ Rozum said that two trucks need A/C repairs and another one has an electrical issue. He said that the pre-trip inspections are being done and any emergency repairs are being taken care of right away.
→Walsh said that he is meeting with the First Selectman tomorrow afternoon to discuss the purchase of a mower and a truck. He will confirm that it is ok to prepare the bid spec sheet and go out to bid on the truck.
→ Walsh asked Rozum to consider purchase priorities and to then resubmit the five-year capital plan to the First Selectman with two additional years.

ITEM #5: Transfer Station Update
→ Rozum said Larry Secor contacted D.E.E.P. about getting a burning permit to burn the brush pile at the back of the yard. Rozum said none of the companies contacting about taking the brush wanted it. Walsh advised Rozum to contact Grillo's in Milford to see if they are interested. Rozum said burning the brush pile will be done only as a last resort.
→ Rozum said the D.O.T. has regulations on the height of the brush and the department has been cutting the back yard to be compliant with these regulations.
→ Rozum said the axle has been fixed on the machine.
→ Finkle noted that the State of Connecticut just passed a law requiring paint manufacturers to take back old paints. Rozum informed the Board that our district (Ansonia, Seymour, and Derby) got dropped from the hazmat pick-up list.
→ Rozum said that currently five employees are licensed to work at the transfer station. He will look into sending more employees to the training course the next time it is offered. It is free and usually held in Derby.

ITEM #6: Public comment
→ There was no public comment.

ITEM #7: Adjournment
→ Motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM.
Motion: Finkle Second: Putorti
Vote – Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,

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