

Town of Seymour Board of Public Works

July 11, 2016

Meeting Minutes

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DATE: 11/9/17
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Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis (7:05), Mike Laban, Eric Omlor, Yashu Putori, Sean Walsh, Philip Wilhelmy

Others Present: Anthony Deprimo, John Doggessano, Paul Carvallro, Michael Dion, Dianne Lombardi, Dave Bitso, Bob Koskelowski, Sr., Dominick Pepele, Kevin Brown, Dina Mastroni, Bob Koskelowski, Jr., Sean Strumello

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mr. Walsh.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

John Doggessano, 50 Wooster Street

Sees a lot more activity on street, cleaning of roads, impressed with what is going on lately.

Dominick Pepele, 54 Swan Street

Agrees with Mr. Doggessano. Good job with clean up.

Diane Lombardi, 149 Derby Avenue

Has lived in Seymour over 27 years and it is now the cleanest it has ever been. She feels it is important for new people visiting the town. Applauds public works.

Mike Dion 18 Carriage Drive

Town looks great, trimmed, cleaned, garbage cleaned up

Paul Carvallro, 31 Elm Street

Agrees with everyone else, town looks great. Applauds department.

Bob Koskelowski, Sr. 130 Pearl Street

Provided a letter requesting information (FOI) - Attached

Mr. Koskelowski has issues regarding safety when Public Works is working- Both for the general public and the employees. He is concerned that town employees are working on roads that the State employees should be working on. Believes that stop bars should be painted for safety reasons. He stated that it would be beneficial to install guard rails by the American Russian Club. The guard rails on West have been knocked down and should be set back up and reflectors that have fallen off should be put back on.

Financial Update

Motion: Ms. Drugonis made a motion to table the financial update until the next meeting. Mr. Wilhelmy seconded the motion

Motion Passed: 6-0

Vehicle Update

Mr. Walsh commented that the bid for two new trucks is being prepared and should go out shortly. Mr. Walsh inquired if there were any special requests from the staff. Mr. Deprimo said no special requests were communicated to him.

Director Report

Mr. Deprimo's report was reviewed.

Mr. Welsh is preparing a list of items and cost to purchase smaller equipment. Mr. Deprimo has prepared some quotes already and is working on compiling the current inventory and will advise Mr. Welsh by the end of week.

Transfer Station Update

Mr. Shookman has retired.

Mr. Deprimo prepared and presented a progress report for the Board. Propane tanks will be checked off the list soon.

Ms. Drugonis requested clarification that the dumpsters are saying covered.

Mr. Deprimo is coordinating a class for five more employees requiring certification.

There are currently two vacancies for summer volunteers. Mr. Deprimo is currently rotating the summer help.

Mr. Deprimo will be contacting Winter Brothers asking for their continued assistance in keeping the transfer station clean. Mr. Welsh advised he will also call

Work Update

Report presented by Mr. Deprimo

Mr. Walsh inquired as to why are we not going with pothole killer this year? Mr. Deprimo does not know the answer but did come up with good plan in place to resolve the town potholes -- to blitz town with three trucks to repair all in one day. What is the cost of blitzing vs pothole killer cost from last year? Mr. Deprimo feels the pothole killer is better in cold weather months. He feels he can better manage repairs using traditional asphalt during the summer using the reclaimer machine.

Repairs were made on West Street for the second time. Mr. Deprimo has ordered a new guard rail but will take at least two weeks to receive. They have secured it the best way for now and will look into a better temporary option until the new guard rail is received.

Mr. Deprimo will also review the catch basins on Tomlinson. They may need immediate repair.

Mr. Walsh will review our contract with the company that cleans out 100 catch basins per year. He will see who has input on which basins are to be cleaned each year.

Policy Handbook Update

Mr. Deprimo reviewed what he has completed in the handbook so far. The Board made other recommendations on what should also be included.

Transfers

Last month - Close of year transfer (\$40,000) to get lift fixed.

Other Business

Correspondence received and read to Board

-FOI request

-Pat Lombardi 149 Derby Avenue

-Email from resident received

Introduction of New Board Member: Eric Omlor

Motion:

Mr. Wilhelmy made a motion to create a recognition letter and order a plaque in honor of Mr. Schuchman's retirement. Ms. Drugonis seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 6-0

Public Comment

Dave Bitso, 1 Meadows Road

Mr. Bitso presented photos of other towns throughout the State and how they painted concrete. He commented he sees many positive things going on around town. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Koskelowski to have the State step up. He thanked the Board for putting up the sign at the Transfer Station regarding the requirement to show your driver's license as proof of town residency. He also commented that he likes the idea of having a town resident card.

Mr. Satowski, an employee of the Public Works Department as a sweeper operator, commented that he has received positive feedback from residents.

Bob Koskelowski, Sr., 130 Pearl Street

Railroad trestle - The State previously priced painting the walls at \$80,000. The State only owns to the base of wall. They did patch the damaged walls, but never painted. The owner of the Washington Avenue property did paint his portion of the wall that he owns.

In the past, 9 out of 10 potholes patched with the pothole machine stayed in place. Mr. Koskelowski does not recall any major problems. He also recommended that the Board look into more crack sealing that could potentially prevent future potholes.

In the past, the catch basins contract stated that once every three years a basin must have been cleaned out. The Public Works department previously owned a cleaning vacuum. .

Mr. Koskelowski also noted that there is a street sign missing on Pearl Street and the 3rd Avenue sign is also missing.

Mr. Koskelowski commented that the Public Works Department is overall doing great job, but have specific concerns that he expressed tonight.

Dina Mastroni, 69 West Street

Ms. Mastroni thanked the Public Works Department. She has noticed an improvement on the cleanness around town, especially around the old middle school.

Motion:

Mr. Putori made a motion to move into Executive Session and invite the Mr. Deprimo. Ms. Drugonis seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6-0

Board Entered into Executive Session at 8:25.

Board Exited Executive Session at 8:37 with no action.

Motion

Ms. Drugonis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putori seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6-0

Meeting Adjourned 8:38.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Forsyth

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Recording Secretary