

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 13, 2017

Members Present: Robert Bartini, Chairman, David Forrest, Peter Scolforo, Jonathan Terry & Bob Nason.

Others Present: Chris Pompei, Kush Banga, Bill Enser, Sheila Wood, Monica Ryan, Jay Wise, Michael Stoltz

Chairman Bartini called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Abatelements.

An abatement request was submitted for 1020 Fairview. This was a second abatement request due to a high bill. The Board had already denied the first request at an earlier date. The homeowner was present and spoke to the Board. The Board took the information under advisement and will revisit abatement at the next meeting.

An abatement request was submitted for 560 Mallard Lane. Homeowner was present and was questioning a high bill during a time when homeowner was not in town. Also, a possible meter issue was brought up and needed to be taken under advisement. It was agreed that the Board would check the next quarters billing and then review the abatement request.

An abatement request was submitted for 33 Park Street. The owner was present and explained to the Board that during remodeling of several offices, they were only being billed for some of the buildings water/sewer usage. Upon realizing that the property had two separate meters that should have been billed an adjustment was made to the accounts. The owner was asking for an abatement due to the fact that he had not known about the issue previously. After Board discussion, it was decided to continue this abatement request until the next meeting.

An abatement request was submitted for 35 Old Pleasant Street. The owner was present and stated that they had not received a bill for the property and now received a large bill after this error was corrected. The Board granted the owner a one-time 10% discount.

An abatement request for 5 Leonard Ave was submitted. The homeowner did not want to pay the minimum charge since they had only owned the property for a few days of the billing period. The Board stated that the minimum charge was in the water/sewer regulations and voted to deny the request.

Water Dept.

Bill Enser questioned his bill on 42 School Street and why it seemed low. Chris Pompei replied that he would have Mike Towler from the Water Department check the equipment and readings and would get back to him.

Waste Water Dept

Monica Ryan of 165 Laurel came before the Board to question the shared sewer line with her neighbors. This was a shared sewer line that was installed many years prior and went a great distance behind the properties to reach the sewer main, the access to the Town sewer system was not available to the front of the property at that time that this connection was made. She was requesting if the Town could be responsible for where the three houses joined the common line. Pete Scolforo stated that this was private property and the homeowners responsibility and this was still considered a private connection line. The

Board agreed. It was suggested that the owner install a check valve on her property in case there was an issue in the future since she is the lowest property of the three.

Highway/Cemetery Dept

Dave Forrest inquired about paving of roads. Chris Pompei stated that with the funds available, Matt Larson, Highway Supervisor will be going over roads that have the greatest need and picking the roads. Dave Forrest suggested: Stockbridge Road and West Road from Spring to Devon.

Other

The Board asked for an update on the Cinta's proposal. Bob Nason had spoken to the realtor involved and stated that Cintas had just acquired a large competitor and was putting this project on the "back-burner" for now.

Executive Session

None.

Minutes

No minutes were approved.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday June 27, 2017 @ 4:30 at the Airolodi Building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanon Albee

cc: Clerk, & Website