

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – Apr 26, 2016

Members Present: Dave Forrest, Jonathan Terry, Roger Scheurer, & Pete Scolforo.

Others Present: Chris Pompei and Don Hunter.

Acting Chairman Forrest called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

Commitments

The Board signed commitments for real estate closings in February, the April billing qtr, and Lenox usage.

Abatements

Don Hunter was present on behalf of his client Audley Enterprise for 1560 Pleasant St. A final water/sewer bill was requested for the property closing. This property was one of several in Town that had been estimated over several quarters and had the radio transponder changed out by Toomey Water on 2/26. The reading recovered from the meter indicated more water had passed through the meter than had been estimated/paid for. The client felt it was not possible that this amount of water was used. Roger Scheurer made a motion to abate 1771.91 off the water portion and 2891.35 off the sewer portion based on their actual readings in the past. Jon Terry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

After a brief discussion Roger Scheurer made a motion to grant, without prior approval, abatements on each April utility billing to customers with known and accepted extra water usage to prevent freezing. This list currently consists of 7 customers. New abatement applications for extra water usage to prevent freezing will be denied without documentation that the usage was incurred because of an issue with the Town's main freezing. Jon Terry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Water Dept

Spring flushing started Monday the 25th.

Waste Water Dept

None.

Highway/Cemetery Dept

Chris updated the Board about West Park St. Bridge. Gill Engineering will be overseeing some steel samples being taken. This will determine if the bridge can be repaired or if it needs to be completely designed and rebuilt.

Austin Liebenow has joined us as the new truck driver/laborer in the Highway Dept.

Dave Forrest brought up that he wants it to be clear at Town Meeting which truck the Highway Dept will be keeping and which will be sold.

Other

The Board discussed road paving. Chris had drafted a memo for Town meeting in regard to the vote for 5 mil for paving. Member Scheurer suggested the list say "potential roads of concern, and not limited to."

Also discussed was the Board's position on raising water and sewer rates to budget for eventual debt shortfalls. This topic is to be on the agenda for the next meeting on May 10th.

The Board looked at capacity applications for 579 West Road and 570 Fairview. Pete Scolforo made a motion at approve the application for 570 Fairview. Roger Scheurer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor. Roger Scheurer made a motion to approve the application for 579 West Rd. Jon Terry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Last the Board looked at a curb cut for 150 Via Maria. Roger Scheurer made a motion to approve the curb cut application. Jon Terry seconded it and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Executive Session

None

Minutes

None.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday May 10th @ 4:30pm at the Airolidi Building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Brandi Page

cc: Clerk, & Website