

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING November 1, 2022

Town Hall Courtroom

Members Present: Robert Bartini, David Forrest, Roger Scheurer, Gary O'Brien, Robert Wright, Don Zukowski

Others Present: Len Tisdale, Zach Sorrentino, employees of the Lee DPW

Chairman Bob Bartini called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm on November 1, 2022 in the Town Hall Courtroom

The following items were reported on:

Water Department

*Golden Hill Rd-* There have been many reports of a leaking fire hydrant on Golden Hill Rd. Members of the Water Department have tested the water multiple times and found no chlorine in the water so it is thought to be ground water running down the road.

Highway/Cemetery Department

*Truck Update-* Zach Sorrentino provided an update on the highway department's truck situation. Board Member Gary O'Brien called dealerships down the coast from Maine to Pennsylvania without finding a truck to replace the one that was viewed last week. Zach has started the process for emergency procurement with no response from MHQ. The F750 that is available can be ready within a week as a utility vehicle or 60 days fully equipped with a sander and plow.

There was much discussion about the procurement process and the specs that will be needed for this truck. The body of the available F750 is steel but a stainless-steel body lasts longer. Dave Forrest questioned whether it would be useful for the Town to purchase a truck that is available right now but is not exactly what is wanted. There was concern about what capital was available for a new truck as well as preventative maintenance for existing trucks. Chris Brittain assuaged these concerns.

Alternate options for finding a truck this winter, such as leasing or renting from another town or company were considered.

*Paving Update* – Superintendent Len Tisdale provided an update:

George St was milled on November, 1 2022 and paving will be completed next week by Palmer Paving. Lander Rd and Chestnut St will be paved the week of November 7, 2022 by LB Corporation.

*Abbey Court Drainage* – Bob Bartini raised concern for the drainage in Abbey Court. Jim Leahy was approached about completing the project. Len Tisdale is waiting to hear the price from Mr. Leahy before making a decision as to whether the DPW will complete the project or move forward with Mr. Leahy. The Board questioned Town Administrator Chris Brittain about the availability of funds and whether money from Sewer/Water Infrastructure can be used. Chris responded that those funds are not available for

drainage. There is a grant from NDP that the Town can apply for. Those funds can be used for drainage as it is related to climate change.

#### Resident Concerns

*St. James Avenue* – Gail Ceresia attended to meeting to address the issue of drainage on St James Avenue, West Park St, and Prospect St. She is concerned about the attenuation of storm water. She is trying to put together a plan for future grant money to address town flooding. She approached the Board in hopes that they could identify all problem sites within the Town of Lee. The Board advised her to speak with the Superintendent Len Tisdale and Highway Supervisor Zach Sorrentino. Matt Carlino was also present at the meeting and voiced his concerns about drainage of St James Ave and Prospect St.

#### Capacity Permits

*109 Center St* – Zach Sorrentino, on behalf of the Sorrentino Group, submitted an application for a capacity permit. The property owners had been paying sewer fees without being connected to the Town sewer line. Since 1984, the owners have paid approximately \$28,000.00 in sewer fees. Given this information, Zach Sorrentino asked that the capacity fees be waived so the owners can move forward with the new sewer line. The DEP had given the Sorrentinos 15 days to rectify the situation. Roger Scheurer made the motion to approve, it was passed unanimously.

David Forrest made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Roger Scheurer seconded the motion. Bob Bartini abstained, all others were in favor.

*Board members signed Curb Cuts, Capacity Permits, and Abatements from the meeting on October 18, 2022.*

*Chairperson Bartini made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 pm*

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Lovett