

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – April 8, 2014

Members Present: Robert Bartini Chairman, Bill Enser, Nelson Daley, Roger Scheurer and Monica Ryan  
Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei, Larry Curtin, Sara Schultze, Steve Kapinski and Peggy Biron

Chairman Robert Bartini called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**Commitment**

BPW signed Water and Sewer Commitment

**Abatement**

None

**Water Dept**

**Water/Sewer increase** – Peg Biron came before the BPW to express her concerns regarding the Water and Sewer increases. Bob Bartini explained to Peg Biron that the rate increases account for inflation, loss of customer base, and water conservation efforts town wide, as stated in the letter that were sent out to all Water and Sewer Customers. Bob Nason also explained to Peg Biron that on the Water side we don't have cash flow to support our operating budget and the 2 loans for FY15. For Sewer the reserve fund that the town draws on approximately \$330,000 a year is going to run out in approximately 5 years. Monica Ryan also expressed her concerns about the increase in the Sewer Rate and wants to open the vote back up to discuss further. Bob Bartini explained to Monica that the rates already have been voted on and advertised in the paper and letters will be going out to the Water and Sewer Customers.

**George St** – Larry Curtin from 220 George St, Sara Schultze and Steve Kapinski from 225 George St came before the BPW to discuss the water break issues on George St. Larry Curtin explained to the BPW that the nearest hydrant is about 300-400' down the Rd. Whenever there is a break there is no clean out and we are above the Fire Hydrant and because of that our lines had dirt in it for 2 days with the last water break that occurred. Larry Curtin, Sara Schultze and Steve Kapinski would like to know how we take care of this issue. They would also like to see the main extended and a clean out put in. After discussion back and forth Bob Bartini explained that Chris Pompei will investigate the matter further and come up with a dollar amount to be discussed further at a later date.

**Landers Rd Water Line** – Table and discuss at next meeting when Dave Forrest is present.

**Chemical Injection Pit** - Chris informed the Board that it will be at the end of the month. Bill Enser asked how we are going to inform the people. Bob Nason explained to Bill that a notice regarding the E-911 system will be in the water and sewer bills for residence to fill out and return to the Town to be registered. Bob Nason expressed to the Board that in order for the reverse 911 to work everyone has to register.

**Tyringham Rd** – No update

**Highway/Cemetery Dept**

**Powder Mill Brooke Bridge** – Under design.

**Willow St Bridge** – Design completed and will go out to bid any day. Chris also informed the board that the sidewalk will not be put in.

**Paving**- Paving bid will be opened Thursday April 10, 2014 at 2:00PM.

**Main St** – Monica Ryan expressed her concerns about the part of Main St from Carr Hardware to Canal St is the Towns Rd and from Carr Hardware to the rest of Route 20 is the State Rd. Monica would like to pursue a meeting with Ben Downing, Smitty Pignatelli or whoever we need to meet with to discuss the possibility to have the State take over all of Main St. Monica states that Main St is used by businesses all over Berkshire County and all the big heavy trucks that go back and

forth off and on the Mass pike puts a lot of wear and tear on Main St. Monica also stated that Lee does not have a bypass like Lenox has which the state takes care of maintaining. Monica states that the Select board should reach out to Smitty Pignetelli or someone to try to have the State take back Main St. Chris Pompei explained to the BPW that the only thing that might be causing a problem for the Town of Lee is the Diagonal parking in Town. The Federal Highway Administration will not reimburse and does not get involved with diagonal parking. The Town would have to have parallel parking not diagonal. Bob Nason will look into it further with the Select Board.

**Winter Equipments** – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that there are no updates on any equipment problems.

**Other**

**Executive Session**

No Executive Session at this meeting.

**No Minutes to Approve**

**The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2014 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airolodi Building.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Cook

cc: Selectman, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Planning/Zoning Board, Building Inspector, Collector, and Town Administrator, Highway Dept, Sewer Plant, and Water Plant