

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – Mar 08, 2016

Members Present: Dave Forrest, Jonathan Terry, Donald Zukowski, & Pete Scolforo.

Others Present: Chris Pompei, Bob Nason, and Bill Enser.

Acting Chairman Forrest called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Commitments

None.

Abatements

The Board reviewed two abatement applications that had been submitted. One for 35 High St. and the second was for 45 Forest St. After some discussion, Member Zukowski made a motion to deny both abatements. Member Terry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Board discussed having a policy in place for dealing with winter usage abatements. Language will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

Water Dept

None

Waste Water Dept

The Board discussed the possibility of our plant accepting waste from one of the mills. This is an ongoing thing being looked at by both sides. A study needs to be completed to protect the plant and ensure compliance. Bill Enser asked if it was possible to thicken our sludge to reduce cost of removal. Chris confirmed that our sludge is already thickened appropriately and will follow up with Al at the plant.

Highway/Cemetery Dept

The Town has advertised an opening for a truck driver/ laborer. Initial interest will be assessed on March 25th.

Other

The Board discussed a letter sent in by Gerry Baumann on Church St. in regard to the drainage culvert that had been previously discussed. The Board also discussed the Valley Bridge which the Town shares with Lenox. This bridge is scheduled to be replaced in the near future but needs some interim repairs. Gill Engineering is doing the design work for this fix. The cost is roughly \$6,600 and will be shared by Lee and Lenox.

The Board continued discussion of the Capital Requests. Bob Nason talked about the possibility of financing a truck over 5 fiscal years instead of buying it outright in one. They talked about a price to reinforce the frame on an older truck. Bob stated that its possible with this being an election year that the gas tax may need to be refilled. Also discussed was the language for Town Meeting for the ballot question on the 5 million for road repairs. Bill Enser asked if the Town still had any money in the I&I account that was established a few years back to satisfy the I&I request under capital from Waste Water. Bob Nason said he would check on that. The Capital Outlay Committee will be meeting Monday March 14th.

Executive Session

None

Minutes

Member Zukowski made a motion to approve the minutes from Feb 23rd as written. Member Scolforo seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday Apr 12th @ 4:30pm at the Airoidi Building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Brandi Page

cc: Clerk, & Website