

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 28, 2016

Members Present: Bob Bartini, Dave Forrest, Don Zukowski, Jonathan Terry, Pete Scolforo, & Roger Scheurer.

Others Present: Chris Pompi and Bob Nason.

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

Commitments

The Board signed the commitment for June activity.

Abatements

Maureen Soules was present to inquire about an abatement for a pool filling. The Board informed her that it's a onetime event and that she needed to document the amount of water that was to go in the pool for the abatement to be considered.

The first abatement application was for 560 Greylock St. The pool had a leak last fall and they lost 2" of water. The Board had a brief discussion about consistency with the pool abatements. It was clarified that previously they had stipulated "not more than once a year" they would consider a pool refill in the event of a broken liner. Bob Nason made a suggestion that language be drafted to amend the regulations. Roger Scheurer made a motion to deny the application due to it not being a full refill. Dave Forrest seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Water Dept

The Board discussed with Bob Nason the impact the surcharge vote and 1% would have on the fund balances. Bob stated it needs to pass another vote and would raise around 133,000 annually. It was discussed that if the vote passes you wouldn't see that money until the following tax cycle. The last increase in rates was April of 2014. After some discussion the Board felt it wouldn't be prudent to wait and then chance the vote not passing. Bob stated that if an increase is approved now letters can go out in the July billing and the increase would be calculated on the Oct bills. The Board discussed what percent, if any, to raise the rates. Pete Scolforo made a motion to raise the water and sewer rates 10%. Don Zukowski seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor. The water rate will go from 5.54 to 6.10 and the sewer rate will go from 9.04 to 9.94.

Waste Water Dept

Same as above.

Highway/Cemetery Dept

The Board asked about the new truck purchase. We are all set to go. We settled on a stainless body and closed loop system.

Chris is giving a scope of work to Mr. Williams in regard to the welding repairs on the "two sisters."

Other

Bob Bartini asked what the update was on the West Park St. Bridge. Bob Nason stated that the State's inspection raised questions. After testing the steel it was determined the bridge is sound. The testing cost the Town around \$12,000 but was needed to avoid the cost of replacing the bridge.

Dave Forrest made a motion to approve the capacity fees paid for 115 Church St. Jon Terry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Dave Forrest made a motion to approve the curb cut for 125 Church St. Roger Scheurer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Executive Session

None.

Minutes

Roger Scheurer made a motion to approve the minutes from June 14th as written. Jon Terry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday July 26th @ 4:30pm at the Airoidi Building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandi Page

cc: Clerk, & Website