

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 14, 2014

Members Present: Dave Forrest Acting Chairman, Bill Enser, Roger Scheurer and Monica Ryan  
Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei, Dennis Kelly, Jasen Simms, Steve Garrity, Richard Neals, Matt Ranzoni, Mike Towler, Jim White and Tony Giarolo

Acting Chairman Dave Forrest called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**Commitment**

BPW signed Water and Sewer Commitment

**Highway/Cemetery**

**Tyringham Rd** – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that Baltazar will be starting approximately next month.

**Winter Equipment** - Dennis Kelly informed the BPW that the last repair for the sidewalk machine was approximately \$5,000.00; Dennis said that we have paid about \$30,000.00 in repairs for the sidewalk machine. Bill Enser expressed his concerns about how much the repairs are costing the Town. Dennis and the board discussed the option of renting a machine for next winter which would cost approximately \$8,000.00.

Dennis Kelly also informed the BPW that the 2008 truck that use to be a garbage truck and was converted to a Highway truck has been down. Dennis explained that the engine kept on shutting down; the truck was flat bedded out to Patriots Freightliner in Westfield. Dennis told the BPW that the temperature sensor was bad and if the Engine overheats it will shut it down. Dave Forrest told Dennis that they need to get together before January 28, 2014 to go over all the trucks.

Bill Enser asked Dennis about the F350 Water Truck. Dennis replied that it was the battery.

**Snow Removal** - Bill Enser asked where would the future snow removal go? Dennis Kelly said that DEP said that we can dump up the cemetery. BPW had a few suggestions... Will discuss further in the Future.

Chris Pompei informed the BPW that the letter to the Eagle regarding private plows and residents pushing the snow back into the streets has been submitted.

**Water Dept**

**140 George St** – Property owner of 140 George St. Jasen Simms came before the BPW to present his case regarding the water leak situation that was repaired by Cottage Care without his knowledge. Gordon Bailly was present to explain what he knew about the leak on George St. In Jasens letter that he submitted to the Board he explained that back in late October he noticed a water leak outside his house. The Water dept did come to take a look at it and on November 21, 2013 his neighbor Mr. Griffin hired Cottage Care to fix the line that the town informed Mr. Griffin that it was his leak. While Cottage Care was fixing the leak they discovered that it was a live line that connected to Jasen Simms house. Chris Pompei informed the Board that Matt Ranzoni was present at the time and had crimped the line. Mr. Simms has stated he is not arguing the problem may have been his to fix, Jasen does not understand how he can be responsible for a bill that he was never informed was his problem until after it was done by a company that they didn't hire. Matt Ranzoni from the water dept also came before the BPW to explain what had occurred. After discussion back and forth the BPW offered to pay 25% of the bill without practice or precedents.

**Roger Scheurer made a motion to pay 25% of the Cottage Care bill without practice or precedents. seconded by Bill Enser. The motion passed unanimously**

**Water Tower** - Chris informed the BPW that Foresight Attorney is discussing the situation with town counsel Jeremia Pollard. Chris states that the letter that is going to be sent out to Payeur will indicate that they have until June 1, 2014 to fix the Water Tower or the town will pull their bond.

**Chemical Injector** - Steve Garrity came before the BPW to give an update regarding the Chemical Injector. Dave Forrest suggested waiting till spring before we flush the whole town. The BPW agreed with Dave Forrest.

**Davis St Water Leak** – Tabled and to be discussed at next BPW meeting. (Need bill from LB Corp).

**Other**

**Executive Session**

No Executive Session at this meeting.

**Approve November 12 and December 17, 2013 minutes**

**Approved as written; Roger Scheurer motioned to approve November 12, 2013 minutes seconded by Bill Enser. The motion passed 3 – 1 Monica Ryan abstained because she was not present at the meeting.**

November 12, 2013 Approved with following changes (Add Monica Ryan as being present and remove the following sentence (Dennis Kelly tried to get a rental and found a cableless tractor from Pittsfield Lawn and Tractor. Chris said we will try it with a blower in the front) Roger Scheurer motioned to approve with changes, seconded by Bill Enser. The motion passed unanimously.

**Roger Scheurer motioned to approve December 17, 2013 minutes seconded by Dave Forrest. The motion passed unanimously**

**The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 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