

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting February 2, 2019

Minutes

In attendance: Courtney Manning, Chairman

Doug Decesare, Board member

John King, Jr., Board member

Kevin Bartlett, DPW Superintendent

Steven Jones, Water department foreman

Greg Jackson, Resident

Katherine Holden, Resident

Call meeting to order- 5:30PM

Minutes from 1/7/19 postponed until member John King joins the meeting.

R. Steele vacation time postponed until member John King joins the meeting.

Highway:

2007 Chevy has major frame damage. Supt. Bartlett is waiting for a call from the insurance company to look at it and see what they say for appraisal. It is currently off the road.

The older loader is having brake issues. The tech intended on being there today to work on it.

Water:

The hammer on the backhoe had a hydraulic leak. The rep from CAT will be contacting Supt. Bartlett by noon time tomorrow, 2/3/19.

Cemetery:

The John Deere tractor PTO shaft has a seal leaking fluid. We are going to bring it to Lecompte's Auto and Truck to see if they can easily fix it.

Superintendent's Correspondence:

Supt. Bartlett looked into the water project contract. KJS LLC will be milling the west bound lane of RT117. We won't have to go out for a bid for the east bound lane, as the expenditure will be under \$50,000. The whole piece of RT117 will be milled and overlayed where the water mains were replaced. PJ Keating will be doing the work.

The old grater is out on municipal bid, and Supt. Bartlett will be checking emails to see if it has been purchased yet.

-Member John King arrived, minutes from 1/7/19 read and approved.

R. Steele vacation time tabled until the next meeting, the agenda will need to be reworded.

Member Decesare brought to the board for discussion a grant that could potentially cover equipment needed, and recommended Supt. Bartlett look into it. The Schwartz grant offers \$2,500-\$5000 to benefit equipment, playgrounds, etc.

Public Comment:

Greg Jackson:

It was said at the last ZBA meeting that the engineers for Goodrich Estates are talking to the water department about a loop from Sterling Road to Deershorn Road. Is this true?

Supt. Bartlett replied that that has been the plan from the start for this project. That was included in the very first plan submitted.

Greg Jackson:

This builder is not known for following what they say they're going to do from past projects. If you have agreements, get them in writing.

In another conversation, Greg Jackson also noted that he had been hearing about a lot of water breaks.

Chairman Manning:

Water breaks happen a lot this time of year, every year. The cold weather directly affects the pipes.

Supt. Bartlett confirmed with the fluctuation in temperature, they tend to break.

Member Decesare:

With social media, everything is out there for people to read. This has been happening for years, but people tend to know immediately where they never used to.

Further comment:

Katherine Holden requested an abatement on her water bill. She submitted a letter, stating the leak occurred on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and didn't realize until they had no water. It is the second time a leak has happened, but last time it was deemed the town's responsibility as it was on the town's side of the meter.

Request was made for Mrs. Holden to leave the letter for abatement request, and we will add her to the agenda for the following meeting.

Supt. Bartlett will be meeting with the finance committee to discuss the FY20 budget.

Member Doug Decesare congratulated the DPW workers on their great work while plowing.

Next meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Chairman Manning made a motion made to adjourn meeting, all in favor.

5:52PM

Courtney Manning, Chairman

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John King, Jr., Member

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Doug DeCesare, Member

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