



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Public Works Commission

MINUTES Regular Meeting April 21, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Smith, Chairman
Mark A. Capodanno
Charles Rossi
Joseph DeSantis

MEMBERS ABSENT

John DeRiu
Francis L. Barton
Mark Carroll

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Chairman Terry Smith.

2. REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2014

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2014 Regular Meeting. Made by Charles Rossi, seconded by Mark Capodanno. Unanimous Approval

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dan Norton, Director of Public Works reviewed his report with the Commission. He reviewed the snowfall totals supplied by CT Weather for the 2013-2014 season and compared said totals and frequency of occurrences with those of the 2012-2013 season. He was forced to utilize 563 tons of treated salt and 404 tons of sand/salt mix out of the reserve this season along with 300 tons of white salt that was purchased from DOT. Despite the fact that it was a difficult season, he went over budget approximately \$6,500.00 for Snow & Ice Removal and approximately \$14,000.00 for Snow & Emergency Overtime which includes all emergency overtime for the DPW and B&G. Street sweeping and mulching is underway. He has been in contact with the Beautification Committee and has received a list of areas that they are requesting the DPW not mulch. B&G is in the process of cleaning up the Little League Field. Drainage work has commenced at Mary I. Johnson and drainage work on White Deer Rock Road will be finished in the near future. He is considering having a contractor replace the failing drainage pipe from East Ridge to Three Mile Hill. The addition of drainage on Waters Street and Porter Hill is questionable due to budget issues. Curb repairs and patching is scheduled to begin on 4-28-14. He confirmed that the Town roads did take quite a beating this season. On 4-15-14, the Town applied for a \$500,000.00 STEAP Grant to assist with the costs associated with the replacement of the roof at the

Shepardson Community Center. The fuel management systems are being installed in the four new police vehicles. There have been issues with the fuel management systems killing the batteries in the vehicles so prior to installation he wants to ensure that said systems will not interfere with the electronics on the vehicles. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection on 4-12-14 at Trumbull Primary School in Watertown produced many participants. Naugatuck will be hosting one in July and Middlebury on October 18, 2014. He respectfully requested that members of the Commission be sure to vote on 5-7-14. He also believes that with the age of electronics, the age limit of newer vehicles is much more limited than that of the older vehicles. This is why he deems the repairs and rebuilds of the older vehicles as so important. He feels is not taken into consideration when it comes time for budget consideration. The benefits of said repairs and rebuilds will only be evident many years from now should his current efforts be reviewed . He also confirmed that road paving for Ravenwood has been included in the budget.

Chairman Smith confirmed that the public needs to be educated with respect to this issue.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. LIAISONS

- a. **Personnel** – None
- b. **Budget** – See Above
- c. **Park & Recreation** – None
- d. **Equipment** – See Above
- e. **Waste Removal** – See Above
- f. **Energy & Technology** – None
- g. **Buildings** – See Above

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M. Made by Joseph DeSantis, seconded by Charles Rossi. Unanimous Approval

Filed Subject to Approval,

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachelle Behuniak, Clerk

Original to Town Clerk

cc: Public Works Commission
Daniel Norton, Director of Public Works