

City of Dunkirk
Public Works Committee Regular Meeting
November 13, 2012

In Attendance:

- Stephanie Kiyak, Councilwoman at Large
- Mike Michalski, First Ward Councilman
- William J. Rivera, Second Ward Councilman
- Andy Gonzalez, Third Ward Councilman
- Stacy Sukala, Fourth Ward Councilwoman
- Anthony Gugino-Public Works Director
- Allan Zaretsky-Building Inspector

Also in Attendance:

- Gib Snyder-Observer

Called to Order

Councilman Andrew Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes not available for approval due to computer issue

Allan Zaretsky-Building Inspector

- Status of repairs to property at 142 Maple Avenue, Dunkirk NY
 - They were going to prepare it for sale. There has been a delay because the property owner has had some medical issues and is having a major medical procedure done. I have been in contact with him weekly to check progress.
- Status *House by School 3*
 - The city cannot tell the owner what color to paint the house, however I just went there and did an inspection on the interior. The problem is that the property owner lives in Florida and the son is managing the property that makes things a bit more difficult but he has not been non-cooperative.
 - The corner window still has not been fixed, though we have given them notice the son boarded it up.
 - Define Violation Notice: The notice basically says your property is in need of this repair please fix it or the city will fix it and charge you.
- Status 204 Park
 - The building is down
- Status 206 Park
 - The building still stands but the espesdose report came back clear so it should be down soon. State required documents having been filed.

Anthony Gugino-Public Works Director

Additional Business

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Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 12:05 by Councilman Andy Gonzolez

Public Works Meeting of November the 13 2012 will come to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present is Mike Michalski, Stephanie Kiate, Mrs. Szukala, Mr. Bill Rivera, Tony Gugino and Al Zerawski

Gib Snyder-Observer

The Minutes from last meeting are done it's just they are not here for some reason one computer to the other cannot speak and the operator cannot operate, just to be honest

Also present is The Observer, Gib Snyder

Start with the building inspector the question always comes up again 142 Maple Avenue according to the last time you said that they were going to get on it and start fixing it

Inspector: They were going to try and prepare it for sale that sale is still pending they are, hopefully this weekend, you know where that hole is on that porch there going to board that up. There was a delay on his part because he went back in for a medical procedure, serious medical procedure so hopefully he did get it done this weekend I have to go there and check, I'll recheck that but I have been in discussion with him weekly on it. The major problem there is ____ Society has already requested demolition so there's a lengthy procedure on that ____ 3 School questions that ____ People come into the city they see broken down 142 Maple ____ The color is the color And you said you cannot change the color city codes you can't tell people what color they can paint it, I-Right, Al is there anything we can do at all I-the owner lives in Florida, his son manages they are in conflict right now but he's been made aware he's supposed to be coming up here to take care of matters. I just went there and did an inspection on the interior but yeah were on that one also. The difficulty again is that he is in Florida which makes it a little more difficult for us to ____ . But he has not been non-cooperative, Al-so he has been cooperative I-he has been somewhat until he had. The thing is you know when you come into the city it's the first thing that throws you off the color first and then also the corner there or window still hasn't been fixed you know so that throws all the other houses off. I-We're there all the time for bulk I'm sure Tony's there for trash, we're there for cars ____

Violation notice and they are not

The notice is that if you have a broken window if you don't call us and make an arrangement then we're going to repair the window and then charge you. Ok so how long has this window been broken? Partially boarded up . The son did it

204 Park building is down, I'm not sure about 206 but the espedose report came back clear so it should be down State required documents having been filed

of violations done within the last 2 months

Seeger report requested in May has been addressed once they are in compliance they are taken off the the report

What are the steps aren't there three steps before they finally get a notice to appear in court? Violation letter, then the Order to Remedy or depending on which attorney you are talking to can all be one step. But no if they call us and it's a large project or if there is an eviction in progress or some circumstance going on or they are in court for another reason, we have to let that issue resolve before...sometimes the landlord cannot get into the property because of certain restrictions. They don't have that full authority. It's just like if you rented a place you could deny your landlord to come in and do anything. We have that a lot. Those columns that show the steps from beginning to end so that when we are looking at the report we are able to see that you are taking all the steps you are supposed to take. I could add another column here but just so you know we don't have a computer program that can just generate this report Carol has to do this all by hand. I want to be able to see the steps you are actually taking from beginning to end. We can add a 3rd column but I want to say again this is a rolling report the new is added and the old comes off.

Any more questions for Mr Zer

Corner of Doughty & Franklin

This one King Street you've got not complied, investigating construction so what's the next step after investigating construction? I think he did get the permit on that but when I went out there you know we may get a call so we may send out a letter saying that we've received a call saying there may be construction going on inside. So that might be helpful if you have "Investigating Construction, letter sent" or reinvestigate on this date just a little bit more so we can follow along so that when we have residents come up to us and say this house is a problem, we can refer back to this report and look it up and say oh well these are the steps that have been taken already. Is there a reason we don't have house numbers on here? Yeah we may get a call saying there might be something going on but it may not be that particular address so I don't want to put addresses on there in case it's the guy across the street. Councilmember-We should be able to have a report that is confidential for our eyes only that includes addresses also, if there is a leak there is a problem filling the seats of this committee. Zer-I will contact the city attorney and ask about that

Are there any more questions for Mr Zer--, none at this time Mr Zer is there anything else you would like to say without a question? Yes, Stephanie that CSX are we still on? The last thing you emailed me about, Stephanie-yes as far as we know. Yes the 4 of us are taking a tour. VP of CXS about taking a tour Yes 27 or 28th of November. He's actually passed it on to someone named Terry-Public Safety Coordinator. Stephanie---it's going to be Thursday the 29th at 11a.m. and we are meeting there On the end of 3rd. I don't know if they have made any changes to that building it might have been over 20 years ago maybe more

We did not get one grass cutting in the 4th Ward not one (Szukala?) Zer-I sent them a couple notices, I sent them pictures and whether we get our congressman or our representative involved or not...we'll put some pressure on. Szu- I mean I made several calls, the grass is this high, you will comply do you understand. All the way down Franklin Avenue. I cannot imagine what it's going to be like by the time they end up ever touching it, I mean next year the stuffs already still 4ft high in some sections or higher

all across the railroad. Zer just so you know we have no authority to be on the property we can't just go cut the grass. Szu-Do we have the authority to fine them? Don't they care about their property? Zer- Nope, Federal law supercedes local law. Szu-so how do we, who do we got to then? K—there has to be someone at the federal level then that we can complain to or the state can. Zer that's why I said let's get one of our representatives to get ahold of them. ____-I have a suggestion, CXS owns the spir that goes to Carriage House, we're not getting anywhere....Maurice Oconnel is the Senior VP of Operations, he's the guy with power to make it happen, ____send it to the legal department CXS owns that spir that goes up the Carriage House, Norfolk Southern owns the other set of tracks. Szu-so there are two different issues going on that that ____the Norfolk Southern one is not nearly as problematic as that little spir because last year Norfolk Southern came in with that big weed chopper and everything. Zer- It's a national team that comes up and does these cuttings. They have told us to stay off the tracks or we are trespassing. ____your biggest concern because you have mentioned this to me before and I've made call, I wouldn't bother Maurice Oconnel with it because normally you don't have to go that far, but that spir that goes to Carriage House is CXS, she's already got a dialog going with Maurice relative to the station, use that because he will make it happen. Szu—get me the number for Maurice and I'll initiate it. Zer-we talked to them all, they've all promised and we've gotten nothing. ____you and me both, so I don't get it this year what the big crank is and you're right we are not going on that property Szu- This is a perfect example, we had two residents on Lord St about 2 weeks ago that poured new driveways a neighbor called as they watched the truck with the cement after they poured the driveways they took it the end of Lord St near the tracks and they dumped it and cleared that barrel of cement, just so you are all on record it was my mother called the police department by the time the patrol car came up, the truck was gone there was a very large section of now cement and when they come back whenever they decide to to come back, and any property that is adjacent to my mothers, my mother gets blamed for dumping everything, it is a problem. But still whoever comes the next time with whatever equipment they are going to bring ____was it a Hanson truck? Why didn't you just tell the police to go over there and find out, deal right with the officer, Szu my mother called the police department gave them the license plate number and the description of the driver ____ simple then you can get them for the minimum of \$250 fine. Szu...follow-up because nothing happened, absolutely nothing happened. ____and that's what they're afraid of Szu—ppl dumping trash ____they are afraid they are going to ruin their equipment going in there and not seeing. ____I'm talking private contractors they have to do a walk through of all these fields before they go in...K-they should be find if nothing else for littering Szu—so I mean these are the types of things that you knowis it too late the f/u on that now when did you call about 2 wks ago...____the chief will have a record of your mothers call I would say they can generate enough from that to see about taking action, tell them go clean it up or get the fine. S you try to do the right thing and none of the steps make a difference when it comes to them taking care of their property. ____that's someone violating....S-but still if the grass was not as high as it was they would not have been able to do that....you can't see it unless you are standing right there. So we will expect a report regarding the CsX building as to ...the tour is to determine if the building is able to be inhabitable which is why our esteemed building inspeactor ...and the engineer is coming too? First they were saying that we couldn't take a tour at all because of 9/11 then I begged and pleaded and assured Maurice that we are not terrorists so then he said two ppl can go then next conversation was, alright I'm going to give up my spot so that we can actually have a building inspector go because you are

saying only 2 ppl can go so then he asked well how many ppl do you want to go? I said well at least 4 Mayor, Director of Development, _____ and I'll take the 4th spot we had to submit our names and sign off on some certifications so it's a big security deal _____ Gib wants to go to take pictures...I just told you what was involved to get us this I'm surprised they didn't get our finger prints and FBI records. So you will bring that report from your eyes...K—and hopefully it's inhabitable because there are some grant monies that are available now that weren't before that's why Steve is coming so that Zer there was some stuff I know 20 years ago----Any more questions for Mr Zer...no ok

Report from Tony Gugino

Question Bill—We're done with the tree cutting and everything how many trees were cut and whatever.

This past mo all we did was finish 3 trees that we started late in September 2 on Albany taken them down and one on W 5th St that was about it for tree cutting because I cut the tree crew off after we pretty much expended the budget so they just finished up the ones we had started so there is no more tree cutting planned other than emergency sawing.

Szu-What about stump grinders? Gug-There's just the 2-3 we just finished but there's no more. I'm not cutting no more trees. Szu-so the two that have been cut on Courtney St will those be ground down too? Gug-Whatever is left on stump grinding we'll get done and then we will try to go back and get them. K—So after what you said at the council meeting the other day we thought about the idea that you said that the curb-side pick up couldn't be co-mingled with branches and leaves because it needs to be separated, but then we were thinking about the giant pile that's over _____ that's combined, _____ yeah there's too signs branches on the right compost on the left...Now ppl will sometimes dump where they don't belong K—soyou guys are still going out there and separating. Gug—if there is any inadvertent co-mingling at the street department that's a no no too bc it's well signed, we've had ppl dump resulting in violations, we've had ppl dump building materials there and we call the police and we arrest those ppl and they go to court and they pay the max \$250 but we separate it up there it's not co-mingled. Szu knowing that we have had 2 brush pickups throughout the year but remember we've always had an additional one after the September pick up Gug-additional what? Szu—leaf pickup you know stuff like that Gug-we are still on our first leaf pick up right now, we haven't finished the 1st round of leaves of the city Szu-what I'm saying is you know how we have the first 3 you know like 1st week of September is first wards 2nd week 2nd ward...could we not do that same simple scheduling for the one in Nov so we're not sending crews out...it seems like we are wasting more manpower Gug on what leaves or brush? Szu whatever we are doing right now. Gug Leaves K-so do you have the same schedule Gug—no no no no leaves are not on the schedule Szu is it possible to get that on a similar schedule so that ppl stop calling council... Gug I wouldn't do that, that's why I did it in Nov this year. Let me give you a little bit of history because I thought for years that it was the most inefficient waste of \$ for years this city would start as early as Sept trying to placate ppl's concerns about leaf pickup so we devote everything we had to doing a leaf pickup but then if you look the trees weren't even devoid of leaves so yeah my guys were going out 3-4 times to do leaf pick up you want to talk about wasting money, so last year I

made the choice I directed Mike and the guys I directed on pickup is the key, we waited til the 1st week of Nov so that most of the leaves were down so you do one full sweep and that's it saves so much money and maximizes the few ppl I got. Frustratingly to me we put the notice out early about when we were doing leaves, it was advertised in August and I'll say it straight up even in my neighborhood I am so upset bc with a weeks notice get it out Sunday night we are starting Monday and we are starting on end of the city and we're going all the way across whatever it takes, ppl are putting leaves out the day after. I mean how do you get ppl to understand...mayors secretary just got another call this morning from someone who shall remain nameless in bush district b my ward put the leaves out a week later, I mean how do you do that when two things are in play you've got 24 hr 7 day a week drop off facility and you can bring you leaves or brush and if that doesn't do enough then we do the efficient thing trying to save on gas and labor and we announce it for months that we are going to do a leaf pickup and then you still it's crazy, it should be intolerable now that's a waste of money K-so maybe the solution isto come up with a schedule that is the same year after year so that everybody knows that this week this is my brush pickup week just like you do Ward 1 week 1, ward 2 week 2 mabye we should do the same thing in Nov so that everybody knows that if I live in Ward 4...Gug-oh I'll do itbut I'm going to guarantee you, you will have the same senerio, it doesn't matter we've tried everything ___alot of itdepends on the weather nobody is going to go out in the rain and rake leaves if they don't have to they are going to wait til a nice day or Sunday to do it Gug-that's why we give the a weeks notice at least so that because we know that, like me I gotta rake when I can rake Szu so you are not...with that Gug...we not even finished with the first round like I said....Szu-so I want to give you another example just so that you I'm not down playing anything or throwing anybody under the bus...Just so you know Lord Street I've had mine out when I'm supposed to and most ppl follow suit my neighbor put her's out and my mother put hers out ok Friday came even though they were very much separated mine got put in with the trash it happens I'm sure my neighbor's weren't picked up but the ones across the street are still there Gug-pick up what? Szu-leaves Gug-We didn't pick up leaves in the 4th ward yet but that's what I'm telling you, they did Gug well if they did they went behind my back because we were never in the 4th ward just like last year we started distric B it's the same as the --- schedule we start in the same area street by street right through the whole city now there are times when ppl get real nasty and demand that we drop everything and go get their bags but I'm not aware of any this year really I'm not. Szu-I don't know what the situation was on my street but some of the leaves have been picked up the even side has been taken care of and the odd side is still out there.____ then there is a leaf crook up there because I did my leaves I put them in the bag a big huge bag it's heavy and I put it by the telephone pole when my brother in law came out we went to take it to dump it and it was gone somebody took it. I dunno who took it But then yesterday with all the wind we had all the leaves from the park come over to my side again Gug-I will tell you what we've done in the past to excelerate leaf pick up I've gotten permission and put out every pub works emp and I've hired dump trucks and I've worked the guys around the clock which involves a lot of OT and contract services that's an option but that is going to cost thousands. Szu-that may be what I've seen when I've asked you...you've sent out a very large crew and multi truck and the branches were going into the chipper and the branches were going into the dump and it seemed to me just looking at it and it seemed it worked very well but if that's the case then obviously that's the case Gug-we used to send out a leaf sucker truck but that died 4 years ago so that's up there used to use parks employees we worked 3 shifts work OT we'd rent 10 wheeler load trucks I mean I would say everybody in DPW it's a

voluntary thing but I need to run leaf pick up from start to finish until we are done it would be like 4 days of just 24hrs and spending a lot of money to get it done Szu-we don't have a leaf sucker anymore? Gug-yeah we haven't had one in 4 yrs Szu-so our guys who are doing pickup are using rakes? Gug—we use a skid sort of like a Bob Cat with a leaf boom on it pushes the piles out into the street the pay loader picks it up deposits it into the dump truck and there are guys with hand rakes raking whatever the leaf boom doesn't get off they are raking leaves from the grassy area out into the street and then behind that the street sweeper comes and sweeps Szu—what would it cost to fix the leaf sucker, is there a reason why you just decided...Gug-well the truck was a 1960 something ford and that was we repair that I don't know how many times and the leaf sucker was 20-some years old and that just finally blew an engine K-so are we applying for that antique...Gug-I'm actually going to set up a shrine...so we've accommodated, we've gone Szu-is there a way to ask another community to share services and borrow one Gug-leaf suckers are only...let me tell you the downside. Leaf suckers are great as long as you have dry crackly leaves but as soon as you get wet leaves it plugs up the 12 14 in intake hose and you are forever going in there trying to unplug the hose, it's not—it's not efficient. No I mean the sys we have now is wonderful it's just not enough men, not enough time, were trying to do everything else and I'm trying not to run OT, or hire contractors or trucks anymore. I'm trying to live within a very strict budget and I would encourage ppl to keep doing what you can bring up bags you know K-have we ever considered supplying clear plastic trash bags for leaves and supplying it to ppl so they can gather their leaves and put it by the curbside and it's evident that it is not trash Gug-no, we have never done that but you have to remember that we pick up bagged and or loose leaves at the same time so yes K-but only that one run through I'm wondering if there is a possibility—Gug to buy bags for them, no K-during recycling days that if you missed when they were coming through there is still an opportunity to put curbside bags and it's picked up somehow, idk I'm just thinking out loud a separate wagon is being towed with recycling so that it's an additional service we could provide to ppl who still want—Gug-everything is do-able yes but I am unfortunately faced with realism/reality and I'm looking at I've got 6wks left to the end of the year and I'm looking at all they guys who have yet to use vacation time looking at holidays looking at all the other things I'm trying to wrap up. I'm putting decorations up and I don't know yet frankly, I'm even worried about getting through one leaf pick up right now. Szu-is there any way, I know in the past prisoners have come down—Gug-we don't have prisoners Szu-can they not come down at all anymore? Gug-I have not had a prisoner here since June Szu they have come down for wast water and done some—Gug-there is a new administration, there's a new guy running that facility and he does not give prisoners out to us like we have been so spoiled with now I have to put in a paper requests and they'll only look at giving you no more than 2 week worth of a crew and their primary mission based on what this current regiem out there is telling me is drainage drainage drainage Szu—in my mind leaves in our drains at the end of the street that people are raking into the street is—Gug-thank you because you very accurately put it what it is, it's ppl Szu-I'm so angy you've got ppl putting the leaves raking them right out into the road and there's a receiver for drainage right in front of their house and then after it rains they call the council or they call you guess what my basement is flooded...well yes it's flooded because you blocked the receiver. I mean just like we were talking about cleaning out the hydrants out for winter Gug-you know another option Szu-there are crazy ladies like the us ladies on Lord St who get out there and clean out those receivers. Left sides my mothers and the right side is mine and it's because I don't want my whole yard flooded and you do what you have to do. Gug- you

know I was just visiting my parents in Rochester this week Arondiquoit NY extremely taxed well to do suburb you know what the town ____ does in Arondiquoit? They don't pick up leaves at all I was shocked I asked my dad because he hires a private landscaper to come in they have a common dump pile for the residents it's the homeowners responsibility in Arondiquoit, town of East Arondiquoit where there's hug taxes leaves it up to you. I'm just telling you I was shocked Szu-and it's the same I get 2 calls every year same person every year are you going to pay for a new subpump for me my basement is flooded I'm not going to name this person go look outside Gug-I know who they are Szu-I want to say it's because of what you did to the receiver Gug-it's so gratifying when I follow our crews around and you'll see how beautiful is....and then the next morning you get so deflated when you see and it's the same ppl it seems every year so if you wanna solve that, there's another way give me the power to not the power give me the authority so that when I hang a violation tag put some bones in there put some I need to have an immediate fine or something like that that I can turn right into the courts or something like that Szu-if they block the receiver—Szu I think that's something you should talk to Ron about bc I Gug bc right now when I go hang tags for brush and other things Szu-it means nothing Gug-I'd say I get about 50% positive response from the tag because on the tag it says if you do not remediate your illegal brush pile or construction refuse out of the curb if we have to come back after 12 hrs you are possibly going to be charged with whatever cost the city to clean up your mess and we've talk about this but I think it would have more effect and we've talked about this for years Stac...do you want me to stop this it's real simple take a tag that says you are now fined \$20 \$25 Szu—just so you know when I called Mr ____, I was very angry and I apologize Gug-oh I know I get angry too, it drives me crazy Szu-I was not very happy, I had just gotten done with my leaves and my grandmother's leaves and I take a ride and ____ again and I got on the phone and I know I was angry because my bp was up I think I swore at you and I'm apologizing to you Gonz-let it just sit because the majority of the ppl go through their leaves picked up and everything and then you go around the corner and somebody is just not doing it Gug-and I gotta tell ya that we this city not you individuals or me individually this city in the past is quite frankly spoiled ppl because way too many times just in the years I've been back all it would take is a phone call pointing to someone guys would be told got back, drop what you're doing get those bags or little pile of brush very counter productive, counter-efficient so I've been the bad guy trying to keep things, productions efficient trying to build you know a little cooperative effort because we are all tax payers it's a waste of my money to have my guys to do it the old way stop what you are doing to go pick up some of these illegally put out brush or leaves because they don't want to take it up to the barns so you know I'm part of that I have been fighting that and I've taken a lot of heat because of it but at the same time when I look at my budget numbers I see positive results of that. Szu one more thing I'm just going to come out and say it I'm very upset about the way that the flag in the park was handled Gug—You know what I'm going to take full responsibility for that and I'll tell you why. They told me about the flag Thursday parks dep guys I knew I didn't have any money to buy a new flag. I didn't follow through. I told one of the guys to put something up there but my fault again we were short on men to do leaves so I took two guys from parts and told them to get up there with Mike's crew to do leaves and I took Russ Tom—away who was gonna do it and I put him on the tree crew that was trying to finish the tree on Albany Ave because it was really high and I needed a guy on a rope so I take responsibility for that I pulled the three guys that I had to go help with other things so it just got forgotten. Szu—I think part of the problem then was that they didn't come to you until last minute that the flag had been damaged I think right or wrong—

Gug-it doesn't matter it was my responsibility I take full responsibility Szu—just so you know if you would have called any one of you well myself I won't speak for either of you but you know hey Stac we need to make a few phone calls we need to find a new flag so we can have it up by Fri at 4 o'clock when everybody goes home. I think we could have called any local veterans organization—Gug-I'm not going to argue with you I'm just going to make this very simple it was my responsibility I missed something I've got a lot going on but it's still Tony Gugino's responsibility sorry it happened, I took care of it like that [snap fingers] my fault. Szu-for future, moving forward. Do we have a specific line that we use for flag purchasing or do we purchase them local Gug-if I can get it cheaper going local I go local Szu-so maybe we could somehow in the midst we could do a count so we could have some on hand so we don't go through this again. Gug- Well we don't have the money for to buy flags for the rest of this year but I looked at poles budget numbers for the year and we are alright, that storm just I usually like to fly a 5X8 in the park a very large one because I think it demands that kind of respect and that storm really did a number and that flag was not that old and the P.O.W. Flag as well I had just replaced those flags the last new ones I had, that storm was an anomaly I never would have expected those newer flags to be destroyed like they were so—Szu-so in the future if we were to have another storm like that should we go and take the flags down so they are protected or because the light is on them do you feel we need to fly they 24 hours a day Gug-I believe Memorial Park the flag should be flying all of the time that's why we have that beautiful light there because we're supposed to. Believe me I take a lot of the flags down in non-essential locations for the winter the Pier most of them in different park areas and all but that one I try to always fly in respect to the Vetrans. Szu-But I guess we just have to look at if it's costing us more to keep replacing it rather than take it down and just explain to the Verterans and everyone around that we Gug- I don't think it's that big a deal Stac honestly because your budget numbers are more than fair this has never happened it was just—Szu I was just trying to avoid another situation Gug—Gugino has to do a better job watching his flag on veterans day K-You sent someone out yesterday to—Gug-Sunday K-Sunday, you sent someone out to replace it. So that person went out on—Gug-2 hours overtime, yep k-so then I have one question for you as a supervisor, because I have asked, I have been a supervisor, why didn't you get in the truck and go replace the flag yourself Gug-because I was in Rochester Ny with my parents K-So I get it that's a legitamate excuse so if you would have been here you would have done it Gonz- In regards to, we don't do very much in this area in regards to Vetrans day you know in regards to that why can't there be some kind of short small ceremony on Vet's Day and have a veterans group come out and put up the flag that particular day. I'd like to see—Szu—I would love for one of our groups to...because I do know that some of the groups went to Brocton for theirs Gug—they had a big dedication didn't they Gonz-Yes there are always dedications everywhere but never here Gug-Who handles that veterans association, well the same group that handles Memorial Day and all that Szu isn't that mister Mosh ___Jack Seabert K-maybe we should invite them to do something if they would like to Gug-I don't know why he hasn't unless they need the PR going to all those other ones Gonz-because I would say with all the Vetrans that we have in this area they would be more than glad to come out that morning and put up the flag and start the day off on Vetrans day you know. Szu knowing that we are asking more of these groups to step forward and do more fund raising I think that would be a perfect oppportunity to actually have a pancake breakfast or something where you get all your local veterans out and you know raise money for your cause just the same. So I think it could be a quite positive Gonz-I think it would be a huge turn out because the other day I went to a fund raiser in fact at

the historical society at Applebee and it went really good the place was packed you why could they do something like that, it'll raise funds for the parade in the summer you know. Szu-I will draft a letter on behalf of the council asking them for that for next year. Gonz-Greatly appreciated Gonz-Another thing that wanted to be brought up, I know we are all done doing anymore work on Lakefront Blvd for the winter right? Anything else being done? Gug-no the waterline is all done Gonz-Everything is all done so were all closed up Gug-that project through council came in under budget. There is one other side issue that still needs to be resolved but other than that Szu-... Gonz-are you waiting for bids to be able to move on with that? Gug- oh no no no it's Zer-Waiting for buget funding Szu-did you guys make any phone calls after elections _____ I already reached out to one office that may be able to help, two more to go Gonz-any more questions for Tony K-Yes I have a question, what happened in NJ did the personelle that were involved and all that...did they ever write up a report Gug—there was no accident everybody reported. Here is exactly what happened, it wasn't Area 51 type stuff either the City of Dunkirk Mike Parpilia and I found a tumbler in Office of Government Services website we got a 14 thousand dollar tomoter which we put a bid in, that's how we've been buying most of our equipment lately. Szu what would we need one of them for? Gug-bc we don't have lift trucks if one of our lift trucks died we'd still be able to lift the gate and heavy pumps all the equip for the water filter plant that truck died so we got this tow motor for \$350 which is very common you can buy equipment off military bases like you wouldn't believe if you are familiar with the green deicing truck that you see going around the city with the water hoses and the water cans that we use for flags and all. Perfect case in point 3 yrs we found that it was a \$137,000 deicer truck it was in an air base it came up for auction the city, we got it for \$2,500. \$2500 it's go heat tanksthis is what we've been doing for the last 5 years because of the lack of funds to replace with all new stuff. I've got 3 used airforce blue cube work vans those came off Air Bases once came out of Ft Drum I paid anywhere from \$250-\$500 for those. We come back they may need a battery we may need tires and they work wonderfully. So we're getting all these fleet items from the Government surplus for pennies on the dollar. So we get this tow motor for \$350 we end up...I got all the paperwork liked up. Everything is documented real simple take one of our newer dump trucks down. The blue ones that we bout 3 years ago the ones we were using for the backtop after the blacktop truck brokedown 3 year old truck, we put brandnew tires on it 2 weeks before the guys leave so I got a tow truck and trailer were gonna dive it down there load the tow motor on it chain it down and drive it back to Dunkirk K-you looked into shipping charges and it was cheaper to do this Gug-we got two prices for shipping charges and they were \$2400 and \$2900, so I went to the mayor with that I said here's what I'm going to do, I'm going to go down set up with Mark get all the expenses lined up preordained money guys will bring back all the receipts like they normally do. The Guys get down there find get the Lotus loaded onto the vehicle, it's an 8 hour trip by vehicle so they got the newer blue pickup Mike P uses for tress it's a 2003 but it's in excellent shape. So that's the follow truck following the dumptruck and the trailer. They load the tailer up they are ready to come back home and then the Mayors office coinentally that afternoon gets a phone call from Mike P I'm on the side of the turn pike, we just have to two left read wheels of the dumptruck 4 lane highway, they were coming back the wheels feel off the back of the truck because they're doing 60 mph one tire crosses 4 lanes of traffic rolls over a guard rail miraculously doesn't hit any other vehicles. The other tire goes the other way down the ditch. State Trooper I think it was a Jersey Trooper who happened to be on the highway checked on our guys to make sure they weren't hurt They were able to get their truck over to the sholder with their

flashers and everything you know. The Jersey cop held up traffic 4 lanes. Stops 4 lanes of traffic so our guys can run across over the guard rail to get the tire and roll it back and Mike's telling us this from the shoulder of the road. I say are you alright. He goes yeah, the trooper just helped us we got the tires wheels the rims I called AAA we're waiting for someone to come help us what do I do? I said, first of all get that thing towed you guys get it to a repair yard. Just stay safe I don't care. Get that off the highway and get the tires. Let me know what happened as far as what's ruined, not ruined. The determination about 2 hours later was that they didn't have the rims to replace them at the truck repair center. They had to order a couple rims they couldn't get them until morning. I said get a hotel room near by if you can give me the receipts when you get home. Which they did, they didn't have the truck parts come in until...they didn't stay in a hotel because the guy told them they couldn't get the rooms for several days so Mike and 3 guys squeezed into one pickup truck and drove home that night, so they didn't stay in a hotel. They got back here about 1 in the morning and I left it with the repair man, I called the guy in the morning I said listen my guys came home if you guys can't get the rims break drum whatever was damaged, we'll come back and get it when we can, fair enough? I'll do a purchase order when you give me a final total, quote me a price on the repair parts. Got that \$1700 did a purchase order through the treasurer's office. When the gentleman had all the repairs done we processed the voucher, paid him and then we went back and got it about a week later when we had manpower to do it. I had Russ T and Steve Lorrie go down ...because the 3 guys that went with Mike originally had gotten real bad Karma had gotten scared like crazy so those 2 other guys did it, we got it back here and the good news is that I turned it into our insurance company here and they covered it we have a \$1000 deductible and they paid us a check to Mark Woods for \$707.10 Szu- you mention AAA does the city have a policy Gug-no Mike used his own Szu-oh ok it goes with the driver so I wasn't sure how—K-do we have a procedure because we do this sometimes that we actually check the vehicles, like when I go on a long trip I bring my care to Midus and have them check it out, wheels, tires, does it need oil and all that Gug-yeah it's all checked out here. Gug—even the insurance people said it might have been vandalism. You know because down here where they were ...who knows but that truck was thoroughly checked out before it ever pulled out of here all the fuels were topped off and it's a newer truck, we just put new tires on it 2 weeks before. Idk why the tires fell off all I know is no one got killed and I, it's like our luck we're trying to save the city 2-3k and I've got to admonish you all you've got to see the job the mechanics did....Kenny S and Jason Schrantz sanded this thing down they put 3 coats of paint on it looks like a brand new tow motor that's the product these guys have. We bought new tires for it andyou're gonna see it. The thing will last for 20 years. I really want you to go look at it. I told my guys I would I want you to see I'm telling you it's incredible. You get to the point anymore you know honestly and I'm not being....I'm afraid to try to save money anymore because look what happened you try to do the ritious thing and nothing goes right Well you know what let's go buy a 15k tow motor. K-why I was asking the question was because I'm wondering if this is a cautionary tail. Gug-We've done this, this is the only time in 7 times we've gone and bought surplus over the last 5 years that we ever had a problem in street department and who would think it's on the newest truck in street department. Gonz-isn't this a commercial vehicle? Doesn't the guy do an inspection before he gets in it like we do, and the lugs weren't loose? Gug- no he just changed the tires on it. Gonz-I had an incident happen when I was on the school board ok, somebody losing the lug nuts off one of my tires, back when we had that problem with somebody shot through the window remember and downtown on the skyway and I went this way

and my tire went that way and I ended up in the hotel and the cop said somebody loosened the lug nuts
Gug-yeah and you know when you thump check them, thumb checking is great but when you are towing
18000 lbs of weight there wasn't enough...stressing on that ...now you're going 60 mph thumb titening
on your cursory inspection is far different...Szu-unfortunatley I learned to change my first tire on my
vehicle in downtown Jamestown around midnight, it was not pretty, I was Gonz-any questions for Mr
Gugino

Adjourned at 12:05 by Andy Gonzalez

Hydrant flushing, so sewers get flused to so that don't the sewers get flushed Gug-sanitary sewers, I'm
not going to say too much but there are certain areas of the city that we have a habit of knowing to
check certain areas