

**Public Works Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Szukala at 1:00 P.M. Members in attendance were Chair Szukala, Willie Rosas, Andy Gonzalez.

Also in attendance Ron Szot, Al Zurawski, Gib Snyder, Sue Chiappone Tony Gugino.

Al was asked to give an update on the land bank house for city. The asbestos abatement bid was awarded. Abatement should be starting soon. Air quality tests will also be performed throughout process. Szukala asked if rodent removal was part of the process. Zurawski confirmed that yes this is done if needed. The next batch of houses for landbank process is also being worked on.

The RFP is out currently for grass cutting. The deadline is approaching.

The issue of training for persons on the zoning board was discussed. The one individual needed training has now completed some training.

Szukala asked how many homeowners Al had in the court system currently. There are not currently any in proceedings.

The fee schedule is being worked on and should be given to council for approval next month. This is to bring the fees in the codes current.

Tony Gugino was working on securing a contract for the brush removal. There were 4 companies interested. One bowed out and hes waiting for the other three to confirm pricing.

Pot hole repair is currently being done with cold patch.

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Residents are encouraged to call 366-4411. Water break area's are done first and then one street at a time, ward by ward.

The consent order was discussed. Szukala voiced concern about everyone being on same page. NEW lists of projects and the \$\$ amount as well as the monthly report from Gus Mas is to be given to council. The basins and electrical work is next on the list for repair. There will be nothing approved for work until a NEW contract for an engineer is done AND new borrowing for phase #3. It is being noted that the contract with current engineer is expired.

Szukala asked if there were any outstanding P.O's or change orders in DPW department. Gugino replied that there were not.

Szot responded to the consent order items and pointed out that any additional work will need to be discussed as we raise rates to pay for the work. A local law will need to be voted on as we get near the end of the project.

The entire project should be done in about a year and a half. Szukala will ask Mark Woods for a report on the anticipated borrowing.

Meeting minutes were approved by Gonzalez. Second by Rosas.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45. Motion by Gonzalez, second by Rosas.