

Public Works Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014

Call to order by Chair Szukala at 3:05 P.M.

Members in attendance: Stacy Szukala, Andy Gonzalez

Absent: Stephanie Kiyak

Also in attendance: Gib Snyder, Tony Gugino, Al Zurawski, Susan Chiappone, Randy Woodbury.

A final approval from Mayor Dolce is being sought to move forward with stickering of items that are recyclable. This should be able to move forward in next month or so. Doing them in house is possible. Council is on board with this idea.

Lighting issues were still being discussed. Woodbury and Gugino have been talking with Steve Neratko about this. At this time NYSERTA is writing off 50% of work on lighting projects. There is money available in HUD account. Gugino would like Memorial Park and bike path done first. Re-lamping to solar would be ideal for cost savings. Szukala feels Washington Park is a top priority, as vandalism is taking place in that area after dark. The skate park is not a priority right now. Current costs to change a ballast and bulb is about \$110 each. Discussions with ProQuip is continuing.

Gonzalez brought up compactors at Memorial Park. They use electric. This was discussed with Steve Neratko. Szukala brought some safety concerns to the table. More research will be done on this issue.

Rebidding of recycling contract will be put off for right now. Woodbury has put this on his list for 2015. This will be brought up again later in the year.

A list of equipment needs was then discussed. Woodbury presented the idea of an excavator for the Water Maintenance crew was needed. The current lease is up this summer.

We would flip the old one and lease a new model. This is done ideally every 4-5 years. This would be done on state bid. A packer and snowplow are also being looked at for a lease program. Woodbury would work on some \$\$ and get back to the council. A 4-5 or 7 year lease is being looked at. Szukala has concerns about going with a 7 year lease, as this is a fixed amount needed in budget. The unknown expenses in 7 years is a great concern. She favored a 3 or 4 year lease. Gonzalez also felt a 3 or 4 year lease would be better. Some equipment is also eligible for purchase with CHIPS \$\$. Government surplus purchases are also being looked at.

All bids for street repair will be done by May.

CSX will be meeting with Tony Gugino April 2nd. The most recent annual report was asked for back in January. Painting will also be discussed.

Website protocol was briefly talked about. Gugino stated what we do now is not working. The suggested site by Mike Porpiglia will be researched. Szukala stated she will meet with Porpiglia prior to next meeting. The residents being made aware of daily issues was the concern. Szukala will get proposed \$\$ and what part of budget could be used to create the site.

Siemens will provide financial proposals for projects within two weeks.

Gonzalez asked Gugino about signs at the baseball fields. Gugino stated we did have signs and he heard no new issues about this. Tim G was told to contact Tony Gugino. Szukala stated Tim should first talk with city attorney before we place more signs anywhere. Knowing where and what these signs should state prior to making new ones. According to Tim this should have been taken care of a long time ago. Gugino stated all parks have the large green signs, and if new ones are created it must come out of the Rec. Dept. budget, not DPW. Drinking in the ball fields is not permitted and police should be called in this situation.

Al Zurawski send two details letters to the owner of the Community X-Mas building. The back wall has been removed, and Al is in contact with owner about lack of progress. Szukala stated it is an eyesore and wants its addressed sooner rather than later and feels they have been

given adequate time for repair. Zurawski stated she will need a construction permit next. If you drive up Franklin Avenue, its a mess. The concern up till this point was securing anything that could fall. The owner wishes to put a new roof on.

The Maple Avenue home has some different options. Al did not want to give details yet. The owner has been told what is expected of this property.

Spring clean up around city is also a concern. As soon as the snow is gone, the calls start coming in. Driving around main entrances first is always done. Bulk pick up addresses many problems in the spring with unwanted items. Szukala suggested a press release in paper with bulk fees for residents. Szukala will be riding along with Wendy Spinuzza in future to see how the dept. works. Franklin Avenue had a lot of debris on Cott site, and Millard Fillmore was also littered with debris. Can we call Cott and ask to address this.

Minutes were approved for April 16, 2013, May 7, 2013, June 18, 2013, August 20, 2013, September 30, 2013, (All under Gonzalez as Chair) and under chair Szukala February 27, 2014.

Motion by Gonzalez, second by Szukala

Next Meeting April 28th, 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:44 P.M. Motion by Gonzalez

Second by Szukala