

## **Public works meeting minutes**

May 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Councilman Gonzalez.

Present Stephanie Kiyak, Mike Michalski, Tony Gugino, Al Zurawski, Keith Ahlstrom and Chief Ortolano.

Tony Gugino gave a pothole update. He explained they are now black topping. They are working off their "patch list." Andy Gonzalez asked to be emailed a copy of this list. Route 5 and Route 60, Lakefront Boulevard is a very problematic area.

Mike Michalski asked about the playground at Wright Park. He said they had recently found out there is no funding for this playground to be replaced. He said in a July 2012 Public Works committee meeting Tony Gugino said \$80,000 was allocated from 2014 Grant along with the Bike Path Phase III for a new playground, \$51,241 for construction of playground \$21,981 for administration of cost with a max total of \$79, 102. Tony Gugino stated he was also confused as to why there is no funding available. Tony said he read the same thing from a prior contract, but when Nussbaumer checked into what equipment would be approved that the NYS contact stated there was no funding available for that type of work(playgrounds). They are now trying to find out if there is anything they can do to make it seem deemed safe. There was concern using that much funding out of the Bill Cease Fund. Tony Gugino stated right now he has the playground marked off to public use. Further discussion will need to be continued with all of council as how to move forward with this issue.

Mike Michalski asked about the tree trimming truck. Tony Gugino said the truck is fixed but they are waiting on a safety piece for it to come in before they can use it. He also said there were many problems with their 12 year old street sweeper truck. They are looking into how much repairs will cost versus a new purchase. He will give them a report on the cost estimates shortly. He said it was included in the fleet maintenance report that was made the prior year. He said they have a basic sweeper unit but most municipalities use a vacuum sweeper unit. He was considering if a municipal lease could be used while purchasing from the state contract. Steph Kiyak asked if this could be shared with other nearby cities and town as a shared service.

Steph Kiyak asked how signage was doing. Tony Gugino said a hand of signs have been made. When summer help comes in they will free up some other employees that have been trained on this equipment, will be able to do more. Steph Kiyak asked if more signs could be made for littering for the beach areas and also for shopping cart violations. Also signs for the dock were mentioned.

Steph Kiyak asked about the schedule of the two janitors for City Hall. Tony said Bruce Tarnowski works 6:30am-2:30pm, Don Smith works 9:00am- 5:00pm. Tony Gugino explained his job is broken into three categories 25% boardwalk, 25% Water Meter, and 50% City Hall.

Chief Ortolano said their radio communication project is nearing completion. They were able to recycle previous equipment to the public works department. Buffalo New York Acquisition Campaign will be starting soon. There will be safety seat checks and checks points done shortly.

Steph Kiyak asked if the high school could get involved in a project of cleaning park areas. She suggested if they could build more receptacles for the dog feces. There needs to be more of a push to pick up after pets.

Keith Ahlstrom gave an update. He said there were 160 transports this year and there were 161 last year. If he is not on duty then the captain is scheduled for most of his position when on vacation. If the captain is not on duty then the lieutenant is covering the shift. There is always one of the three working by contract.

Al Zurawski gave an update. He said there are various agencies that can help with the issues that were brought up at the last meeting pertaining to adult services. There was an issue with a property on Deer St. They have found out the owner is very sick and they neighbor has been helping out but he can only do so much. Andy Gonzalez wrote down some information from Al Zurawski to pass along to the neighbor and the property owner.

Al Zurawski stated 6 inches or more of grass height can get ticketed.

CSX contracts their services out to a third party, to do their property maintenance. Tony Gugino said he will reach out to find out when they will be in the area; he said he thought the burn would be starting soon.

Steph Kiyak asked if the City has reached out to ask CSX about repainting the bridges. Tony Gugino said he has asked in the past. They thought if a formal letter was sent it would be a better approach. Steph Kiyak asked if pictures could be included as well. Tony Gugino did say they do inspect their bridges every year for the structures, but appearances are low on their to-do list. Andy Gonzalez said if the structures are good they are saving money there, then they could use some of their funds to repaint them. Steph Kiyak said she will work on drafting a letter for everyone to review.

Andy Gonzalez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 PM.