

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

February 8, 2022

Convened: 7:03 PM

Present Francis Cain- Acting Director of Public Works  
Casey Berube - Deputy Superintendent  
Mark Cressotti- City Engineer  
Thomas Pereira- Secretary  
Stephen White-Member  
Brittany Rash- Senior Clerk

Reading of the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting waived and approved vote 2-0.

**Motion** to appoint Thomas Pereira as Chairman; vote 2-0 approved.

**Motion** to appoint Stephen White as Secretary; vote 2-0 approved.

**Motion** to approve Authorized Signature Form; vote 2-0 approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

**City Councilor Communications:** None.

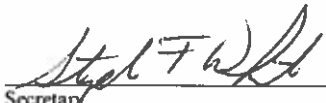
## Department of Public Works Monthly Report:

There have been several snow and ice events during January and beginning of February; with plow-able events on January 17<sup>th</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup> and a few smaller events that were handled in-house in February. The Department of Public Works has gotten through each snow event without any major incidents. DPW continues to build on the liquid de-icer program and has caught the eyes of several other towns/cities up the river; entertaining the thought of possibly working together and making Brine for other smaller towns/cities. There are 12 fully functional and operational spreader trucks with only 1 still down for repairs (Hydraulic Pump Issue). The drainage issue due to redevelopment of the land at 226 and 232 Russellville Road has been resolved by the Department of Public Works installing a new inlet structure and driveway culvert. West Road has a drainage issue that DPW and Conservation Commission are working together on for a resolution. St. Rocco's Club located at 300 Elm Street has a sanitary sewer lateral repair that was scheduled for 2.9.2022. DPW is working with the Law Department and Mayor's Administration to amend an ordinance putting the responsibility of the lateral within the right of way back on to the homeowner. West Silver Street illicit connection eliminations are still in the planning/design phase. Refuse and Recycling Foreman Mark Rogers is set to retire after 22 years of service with the City of Westfield later this month. DPW continues to work with the Personnel Department to fill the vacant positions within the department.

## City Engineer Update:

City Engineer Cressotti mentioned that there is still work going on for the Elm Street portion of the Columbia Greenway throughout the winter. Things are quiet in the winter. The Cowles Bridge project is still at a slow progress. Plans are posted on the City of Westfield website under the Engineering Department. The City View Road culvert is moving forward. Engineering is working with the Mayor's Administration on Interchange 41. The Department is resolving a storm drain issue on Sterling Street that was overlooked by the contractor. There are funds available for paving of Holyoke Road and Union Street, but looking to time it with the catch basin repair work and the Pond Brook work (a culvert replacement). Lastly, looking to see how the Columbia Greenway can possibly connect up to Southampton Road.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

  
Secretary