

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent
Mark Cressotti-City Engineer
John Sullivan, Chairman
Tom Pereira-Secretary
Stephen White-Member
Brittany Rash-Senior Clerk

Reading of the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting waived and approved.


1. **Public Participation:** None

2. **City Councilor Communications:** None

3. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report:** The department is working with the Mayor, Purchasing, and Engineering to coordinate American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding and a list of projects that would benefit most from the additional resources. The Jax Brooks Crossing Culvert is failing on City View and for five years a small grant has been applied for, but denied each time. A number of sanitary sewer stations are antiquated and some of the sewer fees were supposed to help cover costs, but more money was needed for the sewer expansions. The Fire and Public Safety from the State came and stated that there are things that need to be fixed at the SWWT building; possible funding to go towards a new building for SWWT administration. City Engineer has some ideas for funding with the sewer expansion and towards the aged infrastructure from the 1890's on Meadow St and Mechanic St that created a sinkhole just a week prior. In house, the department of public works are working on drainage improvements on Russellville Road and hope to be done in the next couple of weeks with the new drainage network in advance of the proposed roadway resurfacing; the road suffered from ice in the winter and flooding. Another culvert is failing on North Road that will be addressed next. Holyoke Road drainage improvements scheduled to being later this month from the catch basins being too close together and the road taking a beating from the daily use of heavy trucks. Fuel station upgrades to take place next week starting on Monday June 14th. Upgrades are expected to take about 3-5 days. The Airport fuel station will be used as a backup fueling facility during the down time, with Gas & Electric as a fall back contingency. West Silver Street illicit connections eliminations are in the planning phase with Engineering and hope to be accomplished later this summer. Enhanced GPS fleet tracking technology implantation are in the works. The Solar crosswalk signage on Notre Dame St is scheduled for installation next week. The department is working closely with Personnel to fill vacant positions. After 40 years of service, Natural Resources Foreman Steve Wingate will be retiring from his position with the City of Westfield later this month. There are 3 other Natural Resources division staff also to be retiring over the next 6 months.

4. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:** Next phase of the Western Ave project went to bid, advertised and awarded; preconstruction meeting in July hopefully. This will cover from Lloyds Hill to Holcomb St; traffic lights, park improvements, etc. and all are on the city's website with the active projects and design plans on the Engineering Department page. The Court St multiuse trail is complete and the tree planting is ongoing from the grant with the Commonwealth. The Columbia Greenway will take is from the Westfield River Levy all the way down to Stop and Shop, 5 bridges involved, Elm St crossing bridge (originally a railroad bridge) to take all season to finish but things are looking good and continuing to move forward. The work is completed on Springfield Road with the Mass Works effort. There is continual work on the interchange 3 with Mass DOT congestion issues on their side and the City side. The MassDOT project continues on Southampton Road.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.


Secretary