

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 16, 2019

Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present Dave Billips, Director of Public Works
Fran Cain, Assistant Director of Public Works
Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent
John Sullivan, Chairman
Jack Campaniello, Secretary
Mark Cressotti, City Engineer
Thomas Pereira, Member
Leslie LeFebvre- City Councilor
Brittany Rash-Senior Clerk

Reading of the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting waived and accepted.

- 1. Public Participation:** Peter Colo from 49 Montgomery St. representing his daughter and son-in-law was looking for an update from the 05/14/19 commission meeting that discussed the 3 sewer backups in the last 5 years on the property. Mr. Colo is still waiting for the camera to be run in the sewer main to locate any repairs that need to be done and the subsequent report that would follow. He is frustrated with the fact that this has yet to happen. Director Billips addressed Mr. Colo and stated this issue would be priority. Deputy Berube commented that the camera is not readily available as it is from the subcontractor National Water Main and due to scheduling conflicts they have not been able to go to 49 Montgomery St. Montgomery St. is on the list of properties that will be inspected with the camera. Mr. Colo then asked what the camera will be looking for and Deputy Berube informed him the camera looks for constructional defects in the sewer main. Mr. Colo then asked Deputy Berube about Sanitary Sewer Overflow reports and if he would be able to get copies and follow up paperwork on those reports. He also stated he has contacted both the Health and Law Departments for a Public Records Request and a report on the Sanitary Sewer Overflow from the restaurant on 2 Crown Street without any response. Mr. Colo is requesting all records for the Preventative Maintenance Checks, Sewer Calls/Jobs and anything else that may relate to the sewer issues. Mr. Colo stated that all three sewer backups 2014, 2017 and 2019 have occurred in the spring time. Deputy Berube stated that August 2019 is the target date to obtain the right of entry and coordinate with the CCTV cameras.
- 2. Discussion of August Recess:** Due to August being one of the slower months of the year the commission has made the decision to cancel the August meeting. All necessary parties will be sent a letter stating the meeting is cancelled. The meetings will recommence on the regular schedule starting Tuesday September 10, 2019.
- 3. City Councilor Communications:** Councilor LeFebvre has received many compliments on the paving and repair of Laro Road. He also has been asked about a trucking exclusion on this road. Both Mark Cressotti and Director Billips explained how there are only 2 streets in the City with exclusions and any other suggestions would have to be brought to the Traffic Bureau. Councilor LeFebvre inquired if there would be sidewalks put in near Shaker Country Clun for the bike path. Deputy Berube said this would be worked on. Councilor LeFebvre then questioned Mark Cressotti about the Crescent Circle storm drain issue. Mark stated he had spoken to the residents in that area that the city will need easements on the property to repair the issue. Mark has also started working with Woodard & Curran for repair designs. Mark exclaimed how there will need to be 100% cooperation from the residents to resolve the storm water issue completely. The easements and repair plan will have to go to City Council for approval. There currently is no funding for the project but hopefully with the stormwater rate increase the project can get approval and funding for next construction season. Councilor LeFebvre then asked about Pineridge Drive Sewer. Mark informed him the contract was awarded to the contractor and the last 2/3 thirds of Pineridge Drive would have the sewer lines installed and then the trench paved. The road will not be fully paved this construction season. Installation of the sewer main was tentatively scheduled to begin late July or early August of this construction season.
- 4. Follow-Up Discussion on Veterans Banner Protocol:** Director Billips is hopeful there will be a final decision and recommendation for the project to move forward after the September meeting.
- 5. Department of Public Works Monthly Report David Billips:** Northwest road is scheduled for paving in August this will be using Chapter 90 funds as most of the paving projects do. The paperwork is being filed to pave

Prospect Street extension as well. The paving will begin at Pine Street all the way down Prospect. These two projects will use most of the chapter 90 funds.

Crews are still out filling potholes on a daily schedule.

There was a meeting with RH White to discuss roadway improvements on Servistar Industrial Way. This is a highly traveled truck route and will be a challenge to effectively repair.

There is still a wait on the Final budget as City Council made some budget cuts that the Mayor is working on adding back in. The trash truck plan however did get approved in the budget for at least the first year.

Contracting for crack sealing is in the works for a budget of \$100,000. This is the most effective way for preventative maintenance on the roadways. Public Works will be working with the Engineering Department on these projects.

Public Works is looking to accomplish more in house projects.

The stormwater rate increase was past but at a reduced rate than initially recommended. The initial request was for \$30, \$40 and \$50 but City council only approved \$30 and left it at that. There are many stormwater projects in que but there is currently a lack of funding.

6. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:** Columbia Greenway moving forward can be working by fall. Work will continue through the winter and spring. A funding of \$300,000 was rewarded for the Levy. The Western Ave East project (Lloyds Hill to Noble Hospital) should have a public hearing in September. Western Ave West is already in progress. Washington Street paving has been completed and the replacement of the trees and sidewalk installments will be completed in the fall. The Springdale Rd at Papermill Rd. traffic signal will be moving forward. The Springfield Road traffic signal is out to bid. The city is still waiting on all the permits for the project. Central Street parking lot is in the works as well as the interchange at exit 3. The City is working with the State on the Exit 3 interchange.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM.


Secretary