

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE of FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Meeting of the Public Service Committee was held in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive at 4:30 PM on February 25, 2020.

Members Present: Councilor Nathan Boudreau, Councilor Karen Hardern, Councilor Alek Dernalowicz, Administrative Assistant Denise Merriam

Attendees: Dane Arnold DPW Director, Chris Coughlin City Engineer, Rob Oliva Assistant Director; Lyndsy Butler Conservation Agent; Resident 40 Brookside Dr.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Nathan Boudreau called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

OPEN MEETING RECORDING

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No one is recording the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2020 meeting as written Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern, all in favor motion carries.

ORDINANCE ISSUE

40 Brookside Dr. Request for abatement on water bill as pool was filled prior to them taking over ownership of house but final reading was taken before pool filling. Attorney never asked for an updated reading at time of closing. Councilor Boudreau introduced new members of the Committee and gave a brief description of what was going on. At a previous meeting, this was referred to the City Solicitor. City Solicitor stated no abatement should be provided. The homeowners should address this issue with the closing Attorney and Seller. Ultimately, when they purchased the house, the pool contained the water for which they are being billed, so they have received the value of their purchase. Councilor Boudreau asked homeowner if they reached out to the seller, she stated no. Councilor Dernalowicz they did get a rebate on the sewer portion, Rob said yes \$80.00. Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern to leave the bill as written with the previous modification on the sewer. All in favor motion passes.

SEWER/WATER ISSUES **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dane Arnold: The budget was submitted last Friday level funded.

Water Company is starting back up on Wednesday for downtown, will notify everyone.

Councilor Boudreau asked if any capital plans that will have to wait because of not having permanent Mayor. Dane no.

DEP Sludge landfill meeting on Thursday.

Rep. Zlotnik Re: Transportation Bond Bill sent him information on bond bill that was needed. Elm St. @ Pearson Blvd. gateway off Route 2 upgrade (lighting, sidewalks, drainage). Chestnut St. to Union Square. Mill St. bridge.

NCCI Prison did not pave road because they want to put in a new water main. Lyndsy stated they are filing.

Chris Coughlin: Mass Water Works for intersection lights upgrade West Broadway at Timpany Blvd. and Uptown Rotary public meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020 7:00 pm. Councilor Boudreau Bond funding could be added to that.

MONEY ORDERS

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR'S

Councilor Boudreau: When will Keyes Road be paved request from Joan Gould. Looking at getting a grant to replace culvert working with Lyndsy.

Councilor Hardern: When is the list for road paving going to come out? Dane, mid-March to late March no allocation from the State yet. Final list with Mayor mid-April.

Councilor Dernalowicz: S. Main Street bridge still same status? Dane said RR wants to close that crossing so probably end up with cul-de-sac never open.

Motion made by Councilor Alek Dernalowicz second by Councilor Karen Hardern to adjourn meeting at 4:52 pm. All in favor motion passes.

Next meeting scheduled as needed.

All documents submitted at this meeting are stored in the office of the DPW 50 Manca Drive for any review.

Respectfully submitted:

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