



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
S T R E E T C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G
M I N U T E S
TUESDAY, February 5, 2019
AT SHELTON CITY HALL, ROOM 104
54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT
AT 6:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alderman McPherson on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Street Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 104, of Shelton City Hall and led the group in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present

Alderman McPherson, Chairman

Alderman Kudej

Alderman Gidwani (Excused)

PUBLIC PORTION:

Alderman McPherson addressed the audience and let them know that when their item appears on the agenda they will be called to the table to discuss it with the committee.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 SPECIAL STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – November 13, 2018

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Special Street Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018. SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Full set of minutes can be found at www.cityofshelton.org.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST - 420 CORAM AVENUE/50 FAIRMONT PLACE

Alderman Kudej MOVED to recommend to the Full Board to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$10,344 to Saint Joseph Catholic Church Corporation, 50 Fairmont Place, Shelton, CT 06484 for the repair of the sidewalk at 420 Coram Avenue & 50 Fairmont Place per Ordinance #877 (Section 14-9 of the Code of Ordinances) with funding to come from the Sidewalk Reimbursement Account #001-3600-713.80-43. SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was take; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2.2 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST – 129-131 OAK AVENUE

Alderman Kudej MOVED to recommend to the Full Board to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$5,040 to Manisha Yadav, 15 King Street, Shelton, CT 06484 for the repair of a sidewalk at 129-131 Oak Avenue per Ordinance #877 (Section 14-9 of the Code of Ordinances) with funding to come from an account to be determined by the Finance Director. Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2.3 ROCKY REST ROAD:

Alderman McPherson: I would like to add item 2.3 Rocky Rest Road to the agenda. Apparently there are issues down at the bottom, sharp curb by 110. There is icing there from water runoff.

Alderman Kudej: I second adding the item to agenda.

Alderman McPherson: Item added to agenda. I think it might have been addressed already but we will find it when we get to Brian's report. John had eluded to it this morning that they did go down to do something and take a look. I have not had a chance to communicate to Brian to find out exactly what they did. I do not know, but I will have Theresa or I myself will contact them to see what they did or what we will need to do.

Alderman Kudej: This is just like that other are we just talked about. You have a road there with a depression, water will go down.

Alderman McPherson: We will have to check with them to see what they have done. We can put it on for follow up but we will have to see. I will talk with John to see if I can get a clearer description as to what was done. Depending on what was done we can decide then what needs to happen.

3. OLD BUSINESS - UPDATE

3.1 MOOSE HILL ROAD (NEAR END BEFORE TRUMBULL LINE)

Alderman McPherson: Just for the record, Brian Roach, assistant superintendent of highways and bridges is not able to be here this evening. Brian emailed us a report of his findings and or thoughts and suggestions for these items. For item 3.1, end of the road before the Trumbull line. Brian is reporting that this area was milled and paved by them this past fall and we can check this item off the list.

3.2 BLACKS HILL ROAD

Alderman McPherson: We had an area there, where there was some erosion in the road. We have discussed this on two locations in that area. The area of #18 was paved this summer, and the area of #38-#39 the gutter and run off causing erosion, were patched this summer as well. He reports that both locations are holding up well. That is good news there. Check that item off of the to do list.

3.3 CORAM ROAD ABOVE SUMMIT STREET

Alderman McPherson: This again was another area of erosion. This area will be addressed in the spring/summer.

Alderman Kudej: There is erosion on both sides of the road and come spring it's going to be a mess.

Alderman McPherson: This is another item that will remain on our list to follow up on because we are getting erosion on both sides of the road and it tells me there is a drainage issue there. This will be another one for the spring and summer project to do list.

3.4 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (OFF OF RIVER ROAD)

Alderman McPherson: We had requested that they go back at the bottom of the road. There was an area all broken off at the bottom of the hill.

Alderman Kudej: This is one of those invisible roads.

Alderman McPherson: It's across from the cemetery.

Alderman Kudej: I know where it is. I've been there multiple times. Most people don't even know it's there.

Alderman McPherson: It's a very narrow road that was all broken up. About a 20 x 20 foot section of road. They did go back, large holes were filled. They said they will look at a possibly more permanent solution in the spring/summer. I have requested that they go back and repave the entire road. It's a small road that they can probably do in about four hours or so. It shouldn't take long to do. This will remain on our list for follow up.

3.5 FLOODING AT 253 GROVE STREET AND 143 CORAM ROAD

Alderman McPherson: Brian reporting back that basin was cleaned and pipes flushed. Noting that it will be done again soon. No records as to where the pipe goes to, but have not been any more complaints from that location even after heavy rain storms or recently. Have been and will continue to monitor for the time being.

Alderman Kudej: That area has had flooding problems for a long time. It's between Audubon, Coram and Grove. Its better now than it was years ago but it still needs work that's going to need 20 to 30 loads of fill.

Alderman McPherson: Yes. We will follow up on this again. We will continue to monitor it and have told residents contact us if they have any issues from it, but we will continue to monitor it.

3.6 CORAM AVENUE SIDEWALK PARKING – DISCUSSION

Alderman McPherson: We will have to get the traffic division and the state in on this. I believe that when the state did that section, because it's also part of 110 I believe that they did it then. When it was redone it happened. They lowered the curb, because before that there was a higher curb and vehicles couldn't drive up onto the sidewalk and park there. We have to have them higher the curbing. If not we are going to have to put up signage and get the police department involved in ticketing vehicles who park there. If we have police ticketing these vehicles they can deter people from doing it and they learn their lesson.

Alderman McPherson: We are going to discuss John Street. Please come up to the table and state your name and address for the record.

Hi, I am Josephine Pelaggi and this is my brother, Joseph Pelaggi from 28 John Street. Our sister Debbie was unable to attend this evening. As you know our mother, Beverly owned the home but is now deceased. We are now the homeowners and came to get an update and to also give you an update.

Alderman McPherson: We did hear that. Sorry for your loss. Nice to see you both.

Josephine Pelaggi: Thank you.

Alderman McPherson: As you know, Brian is not here but let me go into his report. It says on here that he has been checked on John Street/Howard Ave area regularly and they have not seen or had any issues of complaints of ice on John Street hill, as was first brought up at the May 1st meeting by Josephine and Joseph. He says there is very minimal at top where John and Howard meet completely retaining to the gutter. The water source appears to have dried up, slowed down, or has found an alternate route. At this time he says I do not intend to install drainage as a solution, but will continue to keep an eye on it. But I think this is going to come back from what you are about to present us it's not the case.

Josephine Pelaggi: I want to begin by say that I did call highway and bridges because my sister and brother could not get into the driveway because of the ice. I don't know who I spoke with but when I asked them to come out he insinuated that I was lying. I don't know who answered, Brian was out and so was the woman who is usually there. He said he had been driving all over the city and didn't see anything but then he said he didn't know anything about John Street. I took this picture and what it was. I didn't appreciate the comments he made insinuating that I was lying.

Alderman McPherson: No, no. I agree and apologize for what was said to you. I understand and it's not something I would want to hear either. No one should be spoken to like that. I apologize.

Josephine Pelaggi: Here are the pictures I took that day of the different views so you can see the water and ice. I believe there were complaints too.

Alderman McPherson: Thank you. I see, these are all different views. Do you have pictures with a view looking up the hill? A frontal view?

Josephine Pelaggi: Yes, here's pictures that show looking up the hill. You can see the water that use to stop at Congress, but now it's going farther. The tenant upstairs complained. They turn on and off the pump. You can see it right there.

Joseph Pelaggi: There's a spring or well there in the basement.

Alderman McPherson: Yeah, I remember that. There were white caps on the water coming out of there.

Alderman Kudej: I remember getting the phone call and getting the city to go out and take a look.

Josephine Pelaggi: Also you can see that both sides of the driveway you can see all the dirt washing away. These pictures were the most recent. One day I went by and they must have had the pump on and you can see the water coming out on a sunny day. It's not fair that we are not able to use the driveway. The previous owners use to have the pump running all the time so then it wasn't as much of a problem. But the house has been sold and we've been told that the homeowners don't want to use the pump all the time because of the electricity bill but we shouldn't have to deal with it. We are the only ones on that side of the hill.

Alderman McPherson: Yes, I see. I agree with you. May we keep these pictures?

Josephine Pelaggi: Yes. I have two copies and have tried to date each of them.

Alderman McPherson: Thank you. We are going to get these pictures you've given to us to Brian. Stan and I will also call to meet with Brian. I would suggest to him that we go out and take a look up there and see what kind of solution we can come to, because clearly we have to do something. We rely on their expertise on this. Whether it's putting in some type of drain or what not. Might have to do that. Something has to be done here. I don't recollect seeing any kind of storm drain there.

Joseph Pelaggi: No there's not a storm drain.

Alderman McPherson: We will talk with Brian and also have to have the city engineer go out there to take a look and see what kind of solution we can come up with. We will keep this on the agenda and continue working on finding a solution for you.

Alderman Kudej: With the city engineer and them we can look into it and have them suggest something.

Josephine Pelaggi: Thank you. We will keep following up.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

4.1 NO ITEMS

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

REPORTS OF:

- A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
- B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES
- C. CITY ENGINEER
- D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Street Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivian Kudej

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Street Committee Clerk