



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019  
AT SHELTON CITY HALL, ROOM 104  
54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT  
AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Alderman McPherson on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 called the Special 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 David Gidwani

Alderman Kudej, Excused Absence

Brian Roach, Assistant Superintendent of Highways & Bridges

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

None Present

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

**1.1   STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – September 3, 2019**

Alderman McPherson MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019. SECONDED by Alderman Gidwani.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

*Full set of minutes can be found at [www.cityofshelton.org](http://www.cityofshelton.org).*

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **2.1 HUNTINGTON STREET AND COMMERCE DRIVE ROUND ABOUT**

Alderman McPherson: We had conversations regarding this before. Conversations have gone back and forth between the Public Health and Safety Committee and the Street Committee. We have put it back on to start the process. It is going to be a very long process. Rimas, the city engineer had given us some information. There is a program called LOTCIP, not to be confused with LoCIP which could cover some of these costs. Brian, are you familiar with this at all?

Brian Roach: Yes, a little bit.

Alderman McPherson: Ok, there are a few different sources. I wanted to get this on here to get the discussion going on this because this is going to be a huge undertaking. We are going to need besides the Street Committee, Highways and Bridges, Corporation Counsel, the Mayor and an architect. We might have to go out to bid for designs. Will it be done in house vs. contracted out? There's a lot, so we have to start somewhere. This will be a lengthy project. I wanted to get information from the City Engineer as to some of the funding sources for this. I believe we might have to put up ten, maybe fifteen percent but most of the other costs should be covered. Like I was telling Dave earlier, we also need to know whose property this is going to go on. Will it be on Mr. Scinto or Aquarion's property? I don't think that Aquarion will budge. We are going to have to get both sides to come to the table. It's going to have to be quite large, I think. The problem I'm hearing right now up in Monroe is the trailer trucks can't get around it and are running over the thing. It's not as big as the one they have done over at Exit 47, when you go down the Merritt Parkway. That thing is enormous. We are probably going to have to do that here because you have a lot of trucks that drive up that way. The Board of Alderman are going to have to authorize to go out to bid and do all that so I think we are going to have to have somebody in mind. We have to work with the administration, this committee, Highways and Bridges, the Full Board and engineers of course. We have to start somewhere so the more information that we can get, the more helpful it will be. We will go from there.

## **3. OLD BUSINESS- FOLLOW UP**

### **3.1 KNEEN STREET/FOREST AVENUE INTERSECTION**

Alderman McPherson: I've received phone calls and texts today about this. I know this was on target for sometime this fall. Is it something we can do outside, farm out?

Brian Roach: Yes, it is. It's not that big of a job. It's just the time. It'll take a full day, including the landscaping afterward.

Alderman McPherson: Do you guys do the landscaping or is that something that Parks and Recreation would do?

Brian Roach: Yes, we take care of the landscaping.

Alderman McPherson: Ok, that's something that I have to go back to let the residents know and that this is going to be done, and this is the timetable. I wanted the easy solution, and that was the stop sign in both places but the PD just won't and overruled us. I know that they did additional markings and everything but for some reason that area is very accident prone. I think we had five accidents there this year, if I'm not mistaken.

Brian Roach: I will try and get you a timeline as soon as things start to calm down a bit.

Alderman McPherson: We are trying to take advantage of the nice weather but now there's going to be rain tomorrow night and Thursday so that will be a wash out.

### **3.2 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (OFF OF RIVER ROAD)**

Alderman McPherson: I think this can be done in the spring. It's a very, very small road.

Brian Roach: That is paved. It's done. We did it last week. We did it after Brook and Maple.

Alderman McPherson: Great, I'll have it removed. This is good. I will have Theresa remove it from the agenda.

### **3.3 JOHN STREET**

Alderman McPherson: I know this is more complicated. I don't know if we can do a temporary fix.

Brian Roach: We plan on getting it done.

Alderman McPherson: I know you guys have a lot on your plate as it is and I'm trying to add on and get things caught up. I want to get everything, as much as I can, cleared up before going into a new term. So this is a still in progress thing?

Brian Roach: Yes.

## **4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

Alderman McPherson: Grove Street. This is a follow up to Grove Street. I've been getting phone calls about this again. I've seen temporary patching. Where is the drainage issue?

Brian Roach: Basically it's almost that whole road.

Eric McPherson: That's what I've said and the person replied back that's what we've heard before. I don't think this is being used as an excuse, because up the road from there was where the water was going into the guy's garage and that was addressed and taken care of.

We haven't heard complaints since. I said we have been doing these drainage fixes and getting the problems resolved but that road is a disaster.

Brian Roach: It is.

Eric McPherson: It's a very old road and probably not meant for the traffic that it gets. There's no way to straighten it out. I said to tell the resident to bear with us because we are working on it and not giving lip services. We are genuine when we say that this has an issue and we are working on getting it repaired for the winter. Next year the entire road will get done.

Brian Roach: It is on the proposed list for next year.

Eric McPherson: Where are the worst areas?

Brian Roach: Drainage just below Jennifer is the worst area.

Eric McPherson: I will report back and let the residents know what we are planning. Now for the next one. This one is minor, just if we have a pile of millings to take care of it for the time being. Here are these pictures, I received a call from Tuxedo Avenue residents about the rutted areas. The problem is these rutted areas from the water runoff. One of these rutted areas is in front of a mailbox and a lady almost twisted her ankle going out for her mail. Is this something that we can use the millings to just fill in these ruts for the time being?

Brian Roach: They are still making hot asphalt so whether its millings, asphalt or both. We will take a look at it.

Eric McPherson: If we can get those ruts filled in until the mean time. Until we can get to it next year. Monroe Street is another one. Maybe we can go out and take a look at it. I think this one is going to be a lot of work. There's some serious drainage issues there. The ruts in that road, we had a similar issue on Jefferson. If you ever hit one of those you would drop down three feet and what they did was put the drainage in and build up the grass and everything. I think the same thing has to be done for Monroe Street.

David Gidwadi: I reached out to Brian and he went out and took care of it.

Brian Roach: Yeah, we tried to help. We put a rock there for now.

Eric McPherson: We are working on it and we will get it done. Dave do you have anything?

David Gidwani: I have a grievance. The weeds on the side of the road and the cutter. The machine keeps breaking down. This is a problem. We need to fix the problem. Why don't we have a replacement? I had a parent who lives by ESS school and the weeds were covering up the stop sign. It was a safety concern. I contacted Brian and he took care of it but the machine is constantly breaking down and something has to be done about it.

Eric McPherson: This is a valid concern and maybe we can look into purchasing another machine. Maybe something a few years older. We will probably have to go out to bid but we can look into it between now and spring.

David Gidwani: We need something that works and isn't constantly breaking down.

Brian Roach: The machine is big and bulky and when you're cutting on the side, you're blocking the next lane so something more compact would be nice.

Eric McPherson: Maybe we can bid out to get State or Federal surplus equipment. We can look into it between now and Spring.

David Gidwani: Brian and the guys have been very helpful when I've reached out with concerns and thanks go to these guys for doing what they do and we need to give them the tools they need.

Eric McPherson: I had this Special Meeting to get these things addressed and I think that our next meeting will tentatively be on November 12<sup>th</sup>

## **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 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Vivian Kudej*

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Street Committee Clerk