



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
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, March 7, 2017 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

Also Present

Ernest Hutchinson IV, Highway Superintendent Assistant

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – November 1, 2016

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016.

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 BUDDINGTON ROAD GUIDE RAIL

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: Buddington Road was added to new business, but I know we had some areas up there that were discussed prior because of the installation of concrete headwalls. Yes, we did have it. I spoke with George about it and he said they did install the concrete headwalls. Is that all completed now or are we missing any?

Ernest Hutchinson: Yes, what the highway department is cognizant of, has been completed in that area.

Alderman McPherson: I know that area is tricky up there so I'm glad that they did address that.

2.2 EAST VILLAGE ROAD GUIDE RAIL

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: I don't think this has been on the street committee before and not sure if Public Health has had it. Stan are you familiar?

Alderman Kudej: I don't remember.

Alderman McPherson: Well, I have added this because I received a letter from a resident who lives up on the curb, Kasowski, Daria. She lives there and mentioned it to me. Over towards RT 110 past the fire house, coming downhill where it gets kind of curvy. She lives over in that area. There have been accidents up there where cars have actually gone off the road. I was just informed that she did take the recommendation to move her mailbox up farther. The mailbox has been taken out a few times.

Ernest Hutchinson: She resides on East village?

Alderman McPherson: Yes

Ernest Hutchinson: Do you happen to know what number? So I can take a look.

Alderman McPherson: That I don't have on hand but I'll see if Theresa can get and send it to you. I think this is the first time we have had it on the Street Committee. I'm not sure if Public Health and Safety has had it or not. We would like to at least see that area checked out. Maybe we can also check with the traffic department and see what the accident history there is. The real problems are that the road is slippery in the winter where we have had the issues that have been happening. I would be interested in seeing the accident history.

Ernest Hutchinson: Sure, can you have Theresa email that to me as well?

Alderman McPherson: Yes, I will see if they can send it down to you & see if we maybe we can get a guide rail there.

Ernest Hutchinson: Okay, so I'll await an email from Theresa. When you email me the address can you include the accident history from the traffic department as well?

Alderman McPherson: I will.

2.3 INTERSECTION OF GROVE AND CORAM

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: Stan, I'll let you take this one.

Alderman Kudej: Okay, the intersection of Grove & Coram. The way the road is, Grove comes into Coram and there is a telephone pole standing in the middle. People that live in that area a couple of years ago had asked me if the city could do something about planting, or something to make it look presentable. The telephone pole is in the middle and if the grass isn't cut you don't know. The Mayor had said to me that he had plans for that, maybe moving the pole out of the way and reconfigure it. It's been almost two years now that we've been talking about it and every now and again the people are asking if we have given up on it. I tell them we haven't but it is going to take time because it's not a priority. I would like to keep it on the agenda. Hoping to get something done, even if the pole is not moved.

Ernest Hutchinson: Is the area not defined? Are you looking to define the area? Is that the issue? Are people in snow driving across the area because it's not defined?

Alderman Kudej: It's a grass area that needs some trees, shrubs or something.

Alderman McPherson: It's a kind of confusing area.

Alderman Kudej: There have been accidents recently over there which has brought it up all over again. Richard Blvd has been filled all the way from Belmont to Grove has been a busy area and the traffic has become quite heavy. Before someone gets killed over there,

I want to get it back on the agenda and see if we can either make it look better or if we can get the pole taken out of there.

Alderman McPherson: I think it would be good if we could get the pole removed. Get it out of there.

Ernest Hutchinson: When you're getting the other accident history, can you also ask the police department for an accident history report in this area as well and get it to me?

Alderman McPherson: Sure, absolutely.

Ernest Hutchinson: Thank you. I'll look into it.

Alderman McPherson: The pole really is in an odd place.

Alderman Kudej: People coming up Coram and down Grove are going up and down on either side and it's an accident waiting to happen, something needs to be done.

Ernest Hutchinson: We will revisit it.

2.4 DEBORAH DRIVE

Discussion:

Alderman Kudej: This is a dead end street with a turn around on the bottom, a cul-de-sac. The neighbors there are complaining of road falling apart.

Alderman McPherson: A cul-de-sac at the bottom.

Ernest Hutchinson: That area is set to be chip sealed next year so it's getting a base coat this year.

Alderman Kudej: Hopefully we can get it done soon.

Ernest Hutchinson: It will get the base coat this year.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 NO ITEMS

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN- none presented.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Discussion

Alderman McPherson: Ernie, I was going to make a recommendation for the snow. What is it again that we discussed?

Ernest Hutchinson: Contractor accountability. We talked about it, I would like accountability with the ordinance regarding snow removal when done by contractors who are leaving piles of snow and then disappear. Someone needs to be accountable when they are done and gone. The ordinance doesn't define enough. Maybe holding the homeowner accountable when the contractor is done and gone. There has to be some kind of recourse.

Alderman McPherson: Oh yes, that's right. I will look into that. A couple of years ago we ran into a situation like that where the plow for St. Joes was pushing the snow over to Fairmount and Paul caught the guy. We read him the riot act and made him move all the snow back out of the street because he was leaving it where it was choking off traffic.

Ernest Hutchinson: Yes, if you're able to catch them you can make them move it back but otherwise it's left.

Alderman McPherson: I try to take note of areas then jot it down when there's an area that has snow left that chokes up traffic. Hopefully we will turn a corner soon and weather will be better. Stan, do you have anything?

Alderman Kudej: Yes, remember the mention of fencing installed at the bottom of Grove? The new house and new store was put in. Well apparently the fencing was done. It has been taken care of by homeowner so I won't be yelling about it anymore. The other thing I wanted to mention was something that has been coming up on the Parks & Recreation agenda periodically. It's probably not within the Street Committee's budget but the street that goes down River Road to the Sunnyside boat ramp, River Road down past Sunnyside is in need of paving. It's been patched but it's not holding. The entrance for Sunnyside is torn up from the heavy traffic and buses. Someone needs to take a good look at it.

Ernest Hutchinson: Can that be milled? Will millings work?

Alderman Kudej: I'm not sure. I also sit on the Parks & Recreation board and the road issues have come up because it's falling apart. We are saying it's not Parks & Recreation's responsibility but it's gone back and forth. From Highways & Bridges to Parks & Rec, each one is saying they are not responsible. It's going back and forth. But from River Road down to the Sunnyside boat ramp has been brought up for repaving. It's been patched periodically but the road is falling apart.

Alderman McPherson: Stan, is this something that can be patched?

Alderman Kudej: Well, they have been patching it but it's really not holding up. I would like to see it done decently. I'll leave it up to you guys to decide that.

Ernest Hutchinson: I will look into it.

Alderman McPherson: Ernie, how has the patching machine been working?

Ernest Hutchinson: We have been using the patching extensively. It creates hot asphalt, from millings and using an emulsifying agent it makes a consistency you want and it's a better product.

Alderman McPherson: I'm glad, I see areas by Oak Avenue, Maple, along with the area by the Boys & Girls Club has been patched up and looks pretty good.

Alderman Kudej: Speaking of patch jobs, since the last meeting someone from the highways department dropped some patches on potholes near Coram & Weybosset where it's regularly developing potholes. Seems to develop them frequently.

Ernest Hutchinson: Yes, the water creates them. Some areas are prone to getting potholes.

Alderman Kudej: Let's see if we can take a closer look to check those areas periodically to patch them up since they pop up monthly. It's a problem area.

Ernest Hutchinson: With over 216 miles of road to cover. Is there an area of potholes?

Alderman Kudej: I don't know if they haven't been addressed.

Alderman McPherson: We need to find out about the digging over by Nells Rock Road before you get to the bottom onto Bridgeport Avenue. The construction area over by the Big Y plaza. We need to find out if they are done digging there. I know there are companies doing the work, but there are patches that have been done that are in need of some improvement.

Ernest Hutchinson: Engineering is responsible to make sure that the contractors adhere to the proper specs of DOT.

Alderman Kudej: I don't think they are done yet. The contractors are responsible to make sure it's done right.

Ernest Hutchinson: If it's not right they have to come back and correct it. It's out of our jurisdiction, it's the state.

Alderman McPherson: I'll check with Bob to see where they are and address issues and follow up with questions to see exactly what's going on regarding the construction in the plaza.

Alderman Kudej: I don't think they are close to being done yet.

Alderman McPherson: I don't know what they are doing but hopefully they will get it done soon, we shall see.

Ernest Hutchinson: So you'll get all that information emailed over to me?

Alderman McPherson: Yes, I'll be in touch with Theresa will get that over to you.

REPORTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivian Kudej

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