



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, September 5, 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

Alderman Balamaci

Also Present

George Stachowicz, Highway Superintendent Assistant

Adam Heller, First Ward Alderman

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – May 2, 2017

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2017.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. 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-CORNER OR MEADOW & LAKE, UP TO END OF ASPHALT SIDEWALK.

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: We might be able to take items 2.1 thru 2.4 almost all as a one, a lot of them. I'll just give some of the narrative. George, do you know where Lake Avenue is?

George Stachowicz: Yes, I went up there today.

Alderman McPherson: When you come out of Lake you can take the left or right onto Meadow. If you turn right on Meadow, going towards the golf course there's a sidewalk, asphalt, it is shot.

George Stachowicz: Yes, it's in bad shape. Grass is growing through it and it has not been maintained. I have photos of all that, everything here that I have gone through with the director.

Alderman McPherson: Yes. It's a mess. I don't know if there is a time table to eventually get this taken care of? I understand you are completely swamped.

George Stachowicz: Eric, every time we go into these sidewalks it takes away from a portion of our duties. We just completed Ripton side walk, 1.2 miles, which was a fairly big job for us. The first time doing something of that size.

Alderman Kudej: Could that sidewalk be a safety problem for people walking?

George Stachowicz: Yes, absolutely. It could potentially be.

Alderman Kudej: If it's busted up, let's get it taken care of.

George Stachowicz: This has been the first complaint on this portion of sidewalk that we had brought to us. We are hearing it about it for the first time here.

Alderman McPherson: It has been on my radar, it has been for a while, but I kept forgetting to add it to the agenda. It is an area that a lot of people walk. Hoping to get it taken care of eventually.

2.2 SIDEWALK-FROM THE STAIRS THAT OVERLOOK WHITE STREET DOWN TO THE PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF ECHO HOSE FIRE HOUSE.

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: Again, this is another sidewalk. The stairs that come from Fairmont Place, overlooking White Street. When you come down that ramp, there is a sidewalk there that's all busted up.

George Stachowicz: Again, we haven't put a lot of time into the sidewalks. We are working on the roads. We are behind, but working on the roads, we are working on them. Little by little, we are knocking them off but it's a priority thing.

Alderman McPherson: I understand that. I just want to get these sidewalks put onto the agenda. I want them on the radar so that they can be taken care of. Put on the record and get some of these moving forward. It might not be this year, might not be until the spring but at least we'll have it there so that we know these issues are out there and existed. Again, I'll highlight them, but we don't need to go into each.

2.3 SIDEWALK- MEADOW STREET IN FRONT OF WIACEK PROPERTY & ECHO HOSE.

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: Again, in front of the Wiacek property and Echo Hose sidewalks.

2.4 SIDEWALK – PERRY AVENUE

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: This is another asphalt sidewalk.

George Stachowicz: Right, it breaks from concrete to asphalt there. It's very overgrown.

Alderman McPherson: Yes, it's overgrown and the brush needs to be cut back. There is stuff growing out of the wall. Just some brief history on that, back in 1997 that use to be Route 108 and we did a swap with the state. We got the State to take over and fix that wall. They took Coram as 108 so there's a little history to that, and yes, there's a sidewalk there. With the sidewalk there, that's probably not even visible.

George Stachowicz: Yes, Cars park along there. On the sidewalk where the concrete ends.

Alderman McPherson: Again, it's a heavily traveled area and another one for the sidewalk collection.

2.5 KNEEN & HOWE INTERSECTION ASPHALT ISLAND IN MIDDLE OF ROAD.

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: Items 2.5 and 2.6 are similar issues that we've talked about in the past. Those islands need to go. They are confusing at best. We have to keep fixing it because everything keeps busting it up, running over. It's a waste of money to continually have to keep fixing it. I think we need to get rid of it.

George Stachowicz: I don't think we could get rid of it, all of it. It should at least be shortened. What is happening, is you get low beds coming off of that off ramp, taking a left hand turn, knocking the curb. It's been fixed twice already and is busted up again. I have pictures here of it.

Alderman McPherson: Yes, I've seen it. Is there really a need for it to be there? What does it do that the double yellow line doesn't do? Other than take up more road way?

George Stachowicz: That is something that need to be looked at with the traffic department. Have them check for the widths are there. It provides some separation, directions of traffic.

2.6 HOWE AVENUE – ASPHALT ISLAND ON HOWE IN FRONT OF EXIT 14

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: Again, it's very confusing over there too. From the look of it, it has been driven over, all chewed up. I can see the small portion under the bridge remaining there, but the entire length? Maybe we can petition the state to get rid of it. I don't see where it serves a purpose, more than the double yellow line does.

Alderman Balamaci: Is that a high accident location?

Alderman McPherson: That's something we'll need to check with the traffic division.

Alderman Balamaci: That might be the reasoning behind it.

Alderman McPherson: That very well might be, I'll send a request to them about it. I'll talk to the chief about it as well.

Alderman Kudej: The esplanade there has caused a number of accidents over there. I, myself have had an accident there on Howe Avenue & Route 8.

George Stachowicz: Those there are State installed and State responsibility. This needs to be sent over to the traffic department for width and directional traffic.

Alderman Kudej: I, myself have had an accident there when a guy on the right decided to take a left hand turn in front of me. There are no signs there for direction to New Haven and people get confused and turn there. You have Route 8 North, but nothing on New Haven. I've been trying for a while now to at least get signs put up if they are not going to remove the esplanade. It would be nice if we could finally tackle it.

George Stachowicz: Are you talking about the area over by the ramp where they are currently working on the bridge? Those were installed by the state.

Alderman Kudej: Yes, that are needs more directional signs.

2.7 POST OFFICE PARKING LOT ISLAND

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: This was brought to my attention by employees of the Post Office. Paving was done in the parking lot and the long island strip was removed. Complaints are that vehicles drive through the lot now. What can we do there? Can we put something there?

George Stachowicz: It's a one way directional around.

Alderman McPherson: It is, but people want to take a short cut from Howe Avenue and drive through the parking spots. The Post office brought this complaint to me so maybe we can look into doing something there to curb the drive through.

George Stachowicz: That little island there was over grown and roots were growing through the lot destroying the asphalt, so we were told to remove it. We can look into placing planters, something esthetically pleasing.

Alderman McPherson: If we could do that, it could help.

2.8 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT – 449 CORAM AVENUE

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: We have a letter here, from the City Engineer that work was completed in a workmanlike manner and property owner is entitled to reimbursement.

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the Full Board to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$1,544.40 to Marie Sampieri, 449 Coram Avenue, Shelton CT 06484 per Ordinance #877 (Section 14-9 of the Code of Ordinances) with funding to come from Sidewalk Reimbursement Account #001-3600-713.80-43.)

Motion SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the motion passes to the Full Board.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 NO ITEMS

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN- none presented.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman McPherson: I want to discuss this, a few years ago the Board of Alderman voted and it was unanimously voted, that triangular island design at the corner between Buddington/Huntington Street be removed. We voted to remove that, overriding planning & zoning. I think Paul and the architect, Mr. Swift were going to work together.

George Stachowicz: Yes, they are working with the State.

Alderman McPherson: It's not a state road.

George Stachowicz: No, it's not. The State is involved because of the state funding.

Alderman McPherson: okay, yes. It's taking forever to get done. With more people crashing into it, I don't understand. This thing has to go. I want to make sure that it hasn't been forgotten.

George Stachowicz: With State involvement it takes longer, but Jim is on top of it.

Alderman McPherson: Great. Now, George, would you like to give an update?

George Stachowicz: Yes, approximately 23 miles of chip sealant has been done. We just ended and Fog sealing, another application, will be starting next week. Weather permitting. Several Streets to be paved. Deer Run, that area, Bear path, Little Fawn, Heard. The rest of Prospect, High Street has to be done. Ripton sidewalks are done.

Alderman McPherson: I took a look at that. Looks good and will get a lot of use.

George Stachowicz: It was a big undertaking and the first time our men had done a project of that volume.

Alderman Kudej: I wanted to follow up on Deborah Drive.

George Stachowicz: It was shimmed and sealed and will be paved next year.

Alderman McPherson: Up on Meadow, at the crosswalk to the trails, I put in a request to the Public Health and Safety committee to see if we could get a crosswalk put in like that on the beginning of Meadow and Wheeler. Where the fatality was

George Stachowicz: We have had discussions about doing all the crosswalks like that, over there near the trails but it is rather expensive. If there is funding available and we can get approval, they can be put in.

Alderman Kudej: I would like to follow up on the driveway to Sunnyside School. It's all chewed up there and it was supposed to be taken care of after the kid were out of school but it seems as though it keeps going back and forth. I would like to see if we could get that taken care of

George Stachowicz: We are going into so many different directions and Parks has also brought it to my attention. With school properties there's approvals and restrictions. I will check into it.

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 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivian Kudej

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