

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN****STREET COMMITTEE MINUTES****Tuesday, December 2, 2008****Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Olin called the Street Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Ken Olin, Chairman – present
Alderman Stan Kudej – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell – absent

Also Present: William Mooney, Director of Highways & Bridges
Alderman Finn

PUBLIC PORTION**Delores Ovesney, 43 Dimon Rd**

Already we have sheets of ice, the water has run off the ledge and into the road. The highway department came up and they spent 2 full days just sweeping and they said that they were going to come and put asphalt on it and then they disappeared. That was the last we ever saw of them. Supposedly the asphalt was taken off their list. We still have potholes. Right now there is just a bunch of puddles of water all the way down the road where it just sits in those holes.

Alderman Olin stated that they hadn't been forgotten but that is was a money problem right now.

Mrs. Ovesney replied; this road has not had a darn thing done to it since they put in Martinka Drive and that was the other end. The top part of it is as bad as it is in front of my house and that one don't have ledge with water running off.

Jean Ovesney, 19 Dimon Rd.

I just wanted to call attention to the fact that Dimon Road is one of 2 roads that connects East Village and Beardsley. So the Ovesney families aren't the only ones using this road. That winter ice that she is talking about, you are already aware of that, if you've been over it all you know how bad it really really is. No matter

how many times you drive over it you stand the chance of hitting that stonewall or another vehicle and god forbid somebody that is walking down the road. I have to ask this question and I know you can't answer it but I have to throw it out there. If there was an accident no matter how slight or how dangerous who would be responsible for it? Would the City be responsible? I am talking about this extreme condition that is there in the wintertime that's when it's really dangerous. I'm very curious, but I think you should be thinking about that too. As she said, just those few days of cold we had ice already and the other thing is she mentioned the other end of Dimon Road, when they came up to patch after all the work they did the other time, they only went as far as John Ovesney's house. Nothing got done at the other end at all. Thank you.

Knute Hansen, 8 Whitewood Dr.

Over a year ago I contacted UI and also the telephone company regarding a tree that overhangs the road. There are a bunch of branches in it that are about 6' in length and this big around. Over the years pieces of the dead wood have dropped on the road. They said no, we aren't responsible contact the town. I called the tree warden and I would say that within a couple of days somebody came out and said yes it's on town property not yours and it is an issue. I assumed that I would hear something from the tree warden. I called about 3 to 4 times and then I finally wrote a letter to Ken explaining what the situation was. This tree is at the foot of our driveway, to get our mail we have to go out underneath it, to drive out and turn around we have to go out underneath it. I'm not asking that the tree be taken down unless it is deemed by the tree warden to be unsafe. It's just getting so that if one of those big branches were ever to fall on myself, or my wife while we were getting our mail, it would be a serious accident.

I am concerned. We keep picking up branches from the road. I'm worried about the bigger ones. I thank you for this opportunity to speak with you personally.

Alderman Olin closed the Public portion at 7:07 pm.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. Regular Meeting – October, 2008

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the Full Board to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the October 8, 2008 regular Street Committee Meeting; Seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

1.2 Regular Meeting – June 3, 2008

Alderman Kudej moved to amend the minutes of June 3, 2009 on page 7 to read: "Alderman Kudej moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm; seconded by

Alderman Farrell (instead of Alderman York). Seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2. New Business

2.1 43 Short Street

Discussion. No action taken.

2.2 34 North Street

Discussion. Alderman Olin stated that the clerk had contacted the tree warden and they have not received an answer yet. No action taken.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Tuxedo Avenue Repaving Request

Mr. Mooney reported that the road is only patched at this time. No action was taken.

3.2 8 Whitewood Drive

Alderman Olin will review.
No action taken.

3.3 Curb Replacement at 26 Rolling Ridge

No action taken. Lack of funds.

3.4 Lane Street – Brush overhanging in road

Mr. Mooney reported that this action was complete.

3.5 Lawrence Iannucci vs City of Shelton – Extension of Pawtucket Ave.

Discussion.

Alderman Kudej moved to forward to the Full Board the favorable 8-24 for discussion and possible action; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

3.6 Dimon Road – Drainage Problems

Mr. Mooney stated; the drainage problem needs to be looked at by the City Engineer.

Discussion. The water has no place to go and lack of funding.

Alderman Kudej moved to forward to the City Engineer for review; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

3.7 Ponding of Rain Water in Front of 66 Birchbank Road

Mr. Mooney reported that this was currently being worked on. No action taken.

Adjournment

Alderman Kudej moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

Respectively submitted,

Brigitte Plucienik

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: _____

Date Approved: _____ BY: _____

Mayor Mark A. Laretti
City of Shelton