



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
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013
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, May 7, 2013 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 Farrell

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kudej moved to waive the reading of the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2013. Aldermen Farrell seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 ORDINANCE #866- GARBAGE, TRASH & REFUSE- DISCUSSION

Chairman McPherson: I spoke with the Director of Public Works with this particular ordinance. They are dealing with the violations; they are sending letters for the second violations and they are making changes in areas where the trucks with the arm are not able to get in. They have been doing some non-parking zones for that as well. I am going to be having a discussion with Mr. DiMauro on Thursday about this, and to bring up suggestions on what we can do about this in order to address some of these issues. Especially, with the congested streets downtown, like Howe Avenue. They are working on that and I will be waiting for a report from the director on this issue.

Alderman Kudej: As we are talking about the trash; at last month's meeting, I wanted to know how the recycle program was going to be handled at the ball fields. George was supposed to get back at me, and I have not heard from him yet. Along with that, we have the recycle bins that are supposed to be handled by TrashMaster, the big dumpsters. We had Opening Day at the Little League fields on April 27th and the trash was filled to the top, and it still remains filled. I do not know who to call or what to do.

Chairman McPherson: That is something that we will have to discuss with Paul and find a solution. That will be apart of this discussion.

2.2 BELMONT AVENUE

2.3 PLASKON DRIVE

(JOINT DISCUSSION ON ABOVE ITEMS)

Chairman McPherson: The director has said that these are under review now; they are being investigated in order to get those roads into proper conditions. They are in the process of assessing them, so we will be getting an updated report on that as well.

Did you have any other conditional concerns on those two?

Alderman Kudej: Yes I do. I am hoping that this gets done early this year because we have been promised this for a while. I have been very patient, but when the neighbors do not have any kind words for me, then it is getting to the point where they do not think that I am doing my job. I would like to get this done as soon as possible, for both streets.

Chairman McPherson: For the next meeting that we have, I will put these items under: 'Old Business,' and hopefully from that point we will get an assessment and the review of those roads will be completed. We will see how deteriorated they are and what other issues there may be with those two roads.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 HILLSIDE AVENUE UPDATE

Alderman Kudej: Hillside Avenue was started; they put two sewers up the hill and then they ran into the rock problem, in which they couldn't get down any further so they stopped. I do not know if they are going to stop right there because there may be other areas where they could put another sewer.

Chairman McPherson: There is going to be a continuous drainage problem, coming from the upper part.

Alderman Kudej: Again, the neighbors all know me and ask what has happened. I said that they ran into rock and the paving has to also be done, too. I would like to be able to tell the people something positive for a change.

Chairman McPherson: I would say that this is something that we are still working on it. There obviously needs to be a lot of work done there; it is certainly not as near as completed, and you still have the issue of drainage. This is something that we are addressing with the director and with Highway & Bridges to get the rest of that area to finally have an even flow, so the drainage problem will be straightened out. So, come the next meeting, there will be updates and hopefully we will have a more complete report at that time. I will see when I meet with the director on Thursday.

We need to know what the intentions are there. You cannot just stop something and end it incomplete, especially if you have additional problems with the top part of that road.

Alderman Kudej: They started in early spring, around late February, early March and they went out there like eager beavers. They started digging and they ran into rock and they stopped. We will get some answers.

3.2 SIDEWALKS

Chairman McPherson: This was on last month's sidewalks that we talked about, that needed to be done and we can use LOCIP for this. I have named two specific areas off of Exit 14 on Route 8, down on Howe Avenue and you take that right off the exit ramp. That entire sidewalk is a city sidewalk that could really use some replacing, and there is a section further down that needs replacing. Also, there is an area on Perry Avenue that is all overgrown and it needs to be cut back. It used to be a sidewalk, but it all has disappeared now. These are areas that I would like to see the committee forward onwards.

Alderman Kudej: There was another that was on the agenda and nothing has been done on New Street. The city made an attempt to repair that corner there, but they did a lousy job. The neighbors have been complaining about it because it has become a safety hazard for people to walk.

Chairman McPherson: This is something that we will keep adding on, under 'Old Business' and we will keep pushing because that is a safety issue that needs to be done properly. I am seeing some of the sidewalks in the downtown area that we can look at.

Alderman Kudej: As a rule, we do not handle the sidewalks; it is the responsibility of the landowner.

Chairman McPherson: In some cases, yes. If it is a city sidewalk, we bear the responsibility. A good example of what you are talking about is on the corner of Cornell and Howe. A gentleman just reopened his pizza establishment down there, and we have a program that he were to re-do his sidewalks- I think Paul DiMauro has a good point that there is a mix of asphalt and concrete and it looks very bad.

Alderman Farrell: It really looks awful.

Chairman McPherson: I think Paul made an excellent point of that- that it should be entirely concrete. If the property owner were to re-do the sidewalks, the property owner can go to the City Engineer to get this program where they get the three prices, talk to Mr. Kulacz and they could qualify for a reimbursement for some of the costs. Across where Monaco is,

and the laundry place; that was just an ugly area. He asphalted everything- it shouldn't have been done that way. We can approach some of these business owners and ask if they would be willing to consider working with the City Engineer and getting the bids that they are required to get. They can get a reimbursement up to a percentage. In some cases I think it could be up to 30-50%. I think concrete is 30%.

Alderman Kudej: No it isn't. The concrete was supposed to be 50% and asphalt is 30%.

Chairman McPherson: I knew it was 30-50%.

Alderman Kudej: it has to be done under the approval of the City Engineer. They have to submit their plans and they have to be approved in order to get paid.

Chairman McPherson: Absolutely. Also, they need to get three bids, meet with the Engineer that he must approve. These are things that can be done; there are some cosmetic areas that are the city's responsibility to be repaired and it does not cost a lot, to do a little cosmetic work. Replacing a cruddy sidewalk goes a long way. These are some things that need to be pursued. I do not know if it has to come from this committee, or to put it on the Board of Aldermen Full Board Agenda? I will have to talk to President Anglace on where we can go to figure this along. He would be the source to speak with; he is the President of the Board and he would be able to put this on the agenda.

Report of:

D. Street Committee Members

Alderman Farrell: At the Transfer Station, people are turning their ankles and falling, like I have done. It is the area where you get out of the car and you throw garbage in the large container. It is not the recycling side, but it is where the garbage side is located. For a very long time now, this hole has been getting deeper and deeper, and other than myself, it was reported to the gentleman that stands guard at the Transfer Station. A quite a number of people have injured their ankles there, and all they have to do is put fill in there and cover it with some sort of tar or cement, so that it will not go down again. For about two weeks I was limping with my ankle that was turned, so

I know have great difficulties with it. I have watched other people that have practically fallen and had a serious accident because of it.

Chairman McPherson: Are you talking about the Transfer Station on River Road?

Alderman Farrell: Yes I am; the transfer station on River Road.

Chairman McPherson: What to do is send Paul DiMauro an email.

Alderman Farrell: I already sent him an email not too long ago.

Chairman McPherson: Send him another email on it, and copy me on the email. When I speak with Paul, I will mention this to him as well. I think you are right and this is a very important point; I certainly do not want anyone to be injured.

Alderman Farrell: Some have already been injured, but I do not know if they have reported it to City Hall. The gentleman at the Transfer Station had told them to do so, if they were injured.

Chairman McPherson: This is where you pull in-

Alderman Farrell: It is where you pull in, over to the left and dump things into the large garbage containers. It is not the right side but the left side.

Chairman McPherson: Send him a follow-up email and copy me on it. In addition to emailing him, call the City Yard and talk to Nancy, the dispatcher at Highways and Bridges. Just let her know that you mentioned this at the Street Committee Meeting and you have sent Paul an email to have that hole filled in. Nancy is very responsible and I am sure that they will have this taken care of.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Kudej made a motion to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Street Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Brittany Gannon
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