



BOARD OF ALDERMEN

STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104

54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

1. CALL OF THE MEETING

Chairman McPherson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Street Committee to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present

Alderman Eric McPherson, Chairman
Alderman Stanley Kudej
Alderman Lynne Farrell

Also Present

Paul DiMauro, Director of Public Works

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman McPherson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC PORTION

The following citizens addressed the committee:

Darlene Scala
6 Wright Street
Shelton, Ct.

Michele A. Dichiona-Danwart
22 Wright Street
Shelton, Ct.

Judson Crawford
8 Jordan Avenue
Shelton, Ct.

Joe Bloemen
134 Huntington Street
Shelton, Ct.

Darlene Scala stated that the streets are a mess in her area of Shelton in the Wright Street and Hawthorne Avenue area. There is a lot of traffic including

trucks. She goes on to tell the committee that there hasn't been any work done there in the last 32 years.

Paul DiMauro responded that he knows that there has been rebuilding work done there in the last 32 years. He further stated that that area wasn't on the list for this year but that he would evaluate the area. If warranted it would be put on the list for next year. If it needed any work to make it through to next year that would be addressed. Mr. DiMauro also stated that the City of Shelton has spent 2.5 million dollars on roads over the past three years and over three million this year.

Michele A. Dichiona-Danwart commented about the same Shelton neighborhood. She has called in the past about problems. She states that since 1984 there hasn't been a complete repaving but rather just fixes have been done. She also states that plows doing cleanup have eroded lawns and that there is standing water in ditches.

Paul DiMauro responded that he will go and access the problems but there is no place for the water to go in that area because of how flat it is. He stated that he would be happy to meet with people there. He went on to explain the different road fixing/ resurfacing processes that the City is currently using.

Judson Crawford explained how busy the traffic is at the intersection of Howe Avenue and White Street around the time that the Webster Bank on Howe Avenue closes on Saturdays (noon). Can the stoplights be coordinated to move traffic better? Maybe there is need for a police presence there?

Alderman Kudej responded that the intersection is under State control because it is part of a State highway.

Alderman Farrell added that the lights on Bridgeport Avenue have been redone and the signals are no longer coordinated.

Chairman McPherson commented that the State needs to take care of that. He also went on to say that the "no turn on red" sign needs to be replaced at the intersection of Howe Avenue and White Street.

Alderman Farrell shared that she had received a phone call from a person near Pine Rock Park that was worried about getting a ticket if they accidentally got stuck in an intersection if, for instance, they were behind a bus that took too long to clear an intersection.

Chairman McPherson stated that there would be a 30 day grace period before the police started to ticket people for blocking intersections.

Joe Bloemen wanted to know if the Lane Street Bridge has been scheduled to be redone. He also wanted to know how the bridge reconstruction would affect Means Brook.

Paul DiMauro responded that a design engineer has been selected for the project. The design needs to be approved, residents will be met with, and the area will end up having to be shut down for a time during construction. An alternate route will be provided and a pedestrian bridge for the trails and parking lot will be provided. There is no start date yet but hopefully the job will start next summer. The water in the brook will not be diverted.

Joe Bloemen explained that his backyard floods and stays wet through June. He is told that the water will not be diverted in any way.

Joe Bloemen had offered an easement to the City several years ago and nothing has been done yet. Paul DiMauro told Mr. Bloemen that he would look into this and get back to him.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JULY 2, 2013

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 HUNTINGTON CENTER & REC PATH PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

This item was tabled until next meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 SIGHT LINE ISSUES- UPDATE – ALDERMAN KUDEJ

Alderman Kudej reported that this issue was all taken care of except for two questions that had to be taken up with George.

3.2 UPDATE OF ROADS – PAUL DIMAURO/GEORGE STACHOWICZ

Paul DiMauro reported that they were still juggling. They were waiting to see what manpower permits to be done and then he will have the 2013 list.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN – ALDERMAN MCPHERSON

4.1 LOWER WHITE STREET UPDATE – SEWERS

Chairman McPherson reported that the bids came in and that they would be opened and awarded this week.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5.1 WRIGHT STREET – ALDERMAN KUDEJ

Paul DiMauro will look at it and it will be done next year if warranted.

5. REPORTS OF:

A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Paul DiMauro made the following comments.

- Downtown sidewalks are going out to bid for the area around the parking lot by Cornell and Corm Avenue.
- Why does Shelton still own that lot? It's only used by local residents. It should be sold to the residents.
- The City should entertain abandoning the section of Maltby Road that is between Coram and Route 110. It is normally closed during the winter and not plowed. There is little traffic use. It is dangerous. Perhaps the City should consider selling the property to the local property owners.

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

C. CITY ENGINEER

D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McPherson made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Kudej seconded the motion. All were in favor.