



**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, DECEMBER 3, 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, December 3, 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 (arrived approximately at 6:10 P.M.)

Also Present

Gene Sullivan, City Purchasing Agent

PUBLIC PORTION:

Gene Sullivan, 58 Longmeadow Road

I would like to see if someone can come out and to take a look at Longmeadow Road. There are potholes, cracking, and grass growing out on the street, and on the curbsides. I just think it should at least be looked at, and possibly repaired

sometime in the spring. The backside of my house is Lucille Drive, and that is equally as bad as Longmeadow Road.

Alderman Kudej: Gene, there are a number of streets on our list that do need repairing, but we could not get them all done this year. However, we would like to know the streets that people are complaining about so we have them on record.

Gene Sullivan: So when you can, it would be great for you to take a drive and come out to assess what I am talking about.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue

Thank you to this committee for hearing me last month, because I brought the thoughts about the street I live on. There was a report that was 28 pages, which was submitted to them and it had pictures.

My question for this committee: Does updating street light requests-

Chairman McPherson: We do not deal with streetlights; that is what the Public Health and Safety Committee handles.

Judson Crawford: I was reading the minutes from the Public Health and Safety Committee, and shouldn't that fall under the jurisdiction of this board (Street Committee)?

Alderman Kudej: No it does not.

Chairman McPherson: Anything that deals with streetlights is a safety issue, because if you have to light a dark area or around a curve, that is where it comes under the Public Health and Safety Committee.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES- OCTOBER 1, 2013

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading of the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2013. SECONDED by Chairman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED 2-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST- 10 HULL STREET

Alderman Kudej MOVED to recommend to the Full Board, per the recommendation of the City Engineer, to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$1,456.000 to Robert Deptula, 10 Hull Street, Shelton, CT 06484 per Ordinance No. 465 with funding to come from Sidewalk Reimbursement Account #001-3600-713.80-43. SECONDED by Chairman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED 2-0.

2.2 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST- 419 CORAM AVENUE

Alderman Kudej MOVED to recommend to the Full Board, per the recommendation of the City Engineer, to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$3,376.50 to King Hiram Lodge #12, Masonic Temple Association, Inc., c/o Ned Miller, Treasurer, of 158 Main Street, Ansonia,

CT 06401, per Ordinance No. 465 with funding to come from Sidewalk Reimbursement Account #001-3600-713.80-43. SECONDED by Chairman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED 2-0.

Alderman Farrell enters the meeting

2.3 REQUEST TO ABANDON A PORTION OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE

Chairman McPherson MOVED to recommend to the Full Board to abandon a portion of Westminster Avenue from Coram Road westerly, 132 feet more or less, subject to the conditions outlined by the City Engineer in the attached letter dated October 10, 2013 in which the City's right of way is protected and the entire abandoned street is subject to an easement for future public utilities, both overhead and underground; the abandoned street shall not be established as a building lot for a new residence. SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED 2-1. (Alderman Kudej abstained from the vote).

Discussion:

Chairman McPherson: We have a letter from the City Engineer, who is also endorsing the item that we have before us, with the certain conditions to be met.

Alderman Kudej: What is it?

Chairman McPherson: The conditions having to do with our interests in the right of way are protected. Also, for the protection of future utilities, overhead and underground, so those conditions are met. Is there anything further?

Alderman Kudej: That is part of Coram Gardens, and supposedly there is a deed that was established years ago. We had to get the approval from some committee before giving these streets away; Mr. Anglace brought that up in a discussion.

Chairman McPherson: Our interests have been met, so we have nothing further to do with it.

Alderman Kudej: Well we can move this item to the Full Board, but I am not so sure that I want to approve it here tonight.

Chairman McPherson: It is going to go to the Full Board either way.

Alderman Kudej: I am going to abstain from the vote on this item.

Chairman McPherson: Lynne, this item has to do with abandoning a part of Westminster Avenue, off of Coram Road. It is a paper street; we do not own the property but we have rights of way there that this motion protects and concurs with the letter issued to Planning and Zoning, from the City Engineer.

Alderman Farrell: Is that what they want?

Chairman McPherson: Yes, as long as our rights of way are protected, and our easement for future public utilities above and below ground are protected. The City Engineer has also endorsed the set item in front of us. Now, it is for us to send this item to the Full Board, with either a positive or a negative recommendation. I vote in the affirmative.

Alderman Farrell: I recommend sending it to the Full Board.

2.4 BLACKS HILL ROAD- 30'S SECTION

Chairman McPherson: I put this on the agenda because there is issues on the side of the road as you get down towards the 30's. I have discussed this with the Public Works Director, and it is back on to be done. I know that there are other areas that get the priority, but because this has some flooding issues, that is why I put it on and I hope that we will have some fast action on it.

2.5 BREWSTER STREET

Chairman McPherson: This is a similar issue as the previous item. At the top of the street, there is quite a sizable hole, which needs to be filled in. Again, it is now on the agenda. I spoke to Paul about it, so we will see where it goes from there.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 UPDATE ON GUARDRAIL REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS- INTERSECTION EAST VILLAGE ROAD AND SHAGBARK; FRONT OF 38 SOUNDVIEW DRIVE; SAW MILL CITY ROAD

Chairman McPherson: The last update that I have on this is that they have to go out to bid, and I believe we are awaiting the bids now and maybe by next month we will hear something on those.

Alderman Kudej: About the guardrail on New Street-

Chairman McPherson: I thought the guardrail was done on New Street; there is a guardrail there.

Alderman Kudej: Are you sure?

Chairman McPherson: Yes I am sure.

Alderman Kudej: I haven't been there recently. Last time I brought it up Paul told me that they were waiting. I will have to go and take another look.

Gene Sullivan: I know there is a bid for new guardrails that is due on the 24th of this month.

Chairman McPherson: It is because you have the intersection of East Village Road and Shagbark, and Soundview Avenue, as well as Saw Mill City Road. We will wait to see what we have for next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McPherson 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 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

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