



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
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 6, 2016 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 at approximately 6:10 pm)

Also Present

Paul DiMauro, Director of Public Works

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING - JUNE 7, 2016

Alderman Kudej **MOVED** to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2016.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 9, LICENSES, PERMIT AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1, SEC. 9-1 (ORD # 897 SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS)

Discussion:

Chairman McPherson: I do not have anything new on this.

Paul DiMauro: What is this about? I do not see anything new on this. Is this the proposal, or is this the current?

Alderman McPherson: I think these were the amendments.

Paul DiMauro: I do not see anything marked up so I do not know how you can discuss it. Why is it at this committee?

Alderman McPherson: This had come up because I know there were some complaints, and there were issues of it getting darker earlier. People were knocking on doors and it was already getting dark and so forth. The change was that soliciting had to stop one half hour after sunset, as well it had to stop on weekends and on holidays.

Paul DiMauro: There must be a form that gets filled out; it would be helpful to look at that.

Alderman McPherson: If you look it says that they cannot start prior to 9 AM, or one half hour at sunset and on Sunday or a state or national holiday. So those were the changes.

Paul DiMauro: You would need to show the changes on it from what the original showed, so you can move it forward for discussion. That is what I would recommend.

Alderman McPherson: Theresa will have that for the Full Board; anytime there is a change she will have the existing and the changes that are highlighted or underlined. This will go to the Full Board; I do not believe that we need to have another public hearing on it because we already made the changes to it. We will pass it to send this item forward, and then the Full Board can decide what they want to do.

Paul DiMauro: I would let Theresa know what those changes are, or else they will not know what changes are being made.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to recommend to send Item 2.1: AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 9, LICENSES, PERMIT AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1, SEC. 9-1 (ORD # 897 SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS), to the Full Board for consideration.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

2.2 CURBING FROM 23-26 WINCHESTER DRIVE

Discussion:

Paul DiMauro: I looked at this item today with George. He has it on his schedule for a curtain drain to be installed. That will be done hopefully after the paving season because we could now patch it with the recycling machine. We are not limited to having a problem with that.

2.3 CORNER OF NORTH STREET TO SECOND TELEPHONE POLE OF GREENACRE DRIVE

Discussion:

Paul DiMauro: George will address it and get it scheduled. It is just broken up on the side of the road. That will be scheduled and it is a minor repair.

2.4 CHESTNUT STREET

Discussion:

Paul DiMauro: Chestnut Street is a minor delamination of a leveling course that was put on it; it is a very small matter. When time permits, and it will be probably after the paving season we will go up and level those areas. It is cosmetic in nature, a one-inch depression area which we will hit it up with a small miller and mill that little section out and dress it up. There are a whole host of areas that are similar in nature, or small depressions that we would like to put together but we would need to put together a crew to do it and go after it.

Alderman Kudej: There is an area similar as Coram, around Woonsocket Avenue.

Paul DiMauro: Just call George. For those they do not have to go to this board. Just call George and mention to him which areas those are, and they will tell Nancy that there is a scabbed area or a depressed area. As we get to them we will schedule them in, but they do not take high priority.

2.5 GROVE STREET

Discussion:

Paul DiMauro: We will be doing Grove Street next year. We will probably put a leveler on it, and then the following year we will chip seal it. It needs work but like so many

others, it is not on this year's schedule. We will put it on next year's schedule; it will probably just have a leveling course on it and we would like to have that sit. We are putting a fog coat over that now and it seems to hold the stone more in place. We have been attempting, and thank you for the additional funds this year because that gives us \$5.5 million to go forward with. As you know it, you are going for a \$5 million bond issue and everything that we are proposing now is all predicated when we get that money to keep going. With that \$5 million, we should have addressed every street that has to be addressed in one way or another. Then we are into a maintenance mode, which is going to mean funding on an annual basis, but that will take care of us for the next two years.

We have been performing a lot of tasks and work for the city in other areas, rather than working on the roads. So that has held us back on putting more crews altogether. I will give you an instance of giving you the ideas that we have been doing: we had to clean up the area at the Police Department; that took around two days around the in-pound area. We had to remove oil tanks from the high school, we had to do some repairs to the sidewalk out here, some masonry work at the Belden Center, both at the front to the old Lafayette School. We did some brick work which took some time. We installed sidewalks on Progress Drive from one end to the other except for an area that is by Scinto's properties, which he is going to do with his own contract and seek reimbursement for the portion that he puts in, and it has more to do because it is on his property. We had to make some major repairs to Reservoir 1 Dam on Shelton Avenue.

If you notice on the Riverwalk where it is being extended, where we extended the grass area, but also near the river you that project is not out for bid for the installation of the sidewalk itself. We had to fill in that whole area with non-porous materials, and we built a big concrete wall along the river part itself. That is really the finished product because that is similar of where the fence goes on, as you will see the rest of the Riverwalk. We put that concrete there in place, and that was quite the effort. We are currently doing the sidewalks at Probate Court, to replace the sidewalks there because Building Maintenance does not take care of things outside of things like that. We have two masons working for us right now that are doing that kind of work.

Also, if you have been up to Riverdale Park you had funded some money for the park and for the roadway itself. You had appropriated monies for that, the curbing, sidewalk up at Huntington Street. We went and milled it ourselves; we used millings to roll in and compact it well. We are hoping to put a chip seal on it later in the year; it will not be done now with the regular work because we use a different type of material for that so we would be putting a chip seal on it over there. We also went up to Oak Valley Road, which was not on the improvement list and we milled the majority of it. The grater broke down so as soon it is back on the road, they will finish that up, and then we are going to do that with the same type as we do Riverview Park to do a chip seal on that.

All of these other projects take man hours and we almost back to full capacity now; we did have a shortage of personnel for the summer. We are still going out to do leveling. We should be finished with our chip seal program in another two weeks. I think "the Berry's" will be the last area that will be done. There was a long list that I have submitted of all of the streets that were done; Oak Valley Road was the only one that was not on.

Then, we will be doing some paving ourselves in-house, milling and paving ourselves in-house, finishing Williams Street, possibly Ten Coat Lane. It is Ten Coat Lane that we will be able to do, but in one area there is water and we need to take care of the drainage later on in the year. We are not going to be paving an area that needs drainage, or basin repairs. A lot of these areas where we think we are going to pave it, and we go to inspect all of the basins and we need to dig up basins and repair those. So, we will not be doing as much in-house paving this year as much as we would've liked to get done. We do have a new paver and it is excellent; our equipment is great now so I can tell you that if we get the funds next year it will basically be chip sealing and some in-house paving for the most part.

Alderman McPherson: I have been running into the company that has been lining the sewers.

Paul DiMauro: The sewer pipe. We also had to do a repair on the sewer line this past winter.

Alderman McPherson: When they repaved my road back in 2008, the manhole covers are not level and all you would hear is a clanking noise.

Paul DiMauro: The biggest problem is with some of the old manhole covers. We used to put something inside. Give it to Tom Sym. They have crews that are lifting them up and putting them back down; there a bunch of reasons of why it could happen.

Alderman McPherson: Are we pretty much on schedule now, Paul?

Paul DiMauro: We are pretty much on schedule. There is a file and a map in Theresa's office, which you can look at any time. We did a map showing the roads that were done, and it also shows the roads that have not been touched. We are in pretty good shape; it is going to take another two to three years to get them all back where we would like to see them. The secret to keep the water out of the roads.

Alderman McPherson: For some of these heavier travelled roads like Constitution Boulevard, Ripton Road is extremely busy. When we put the layer on, do we put it on thicker just because of the volume of traffic?

Paul DiMauro: Not really because if it has a good base then it doesn't make a difference. Constitution was probably built with more asphalt. Remember many years ago, many of the subdivisions that we are doing now were covered with two inches of asphalt, and then we went to three inches. I tried for years to get more narrow roads with more asphalt.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 NO ITEMS

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN- none presented.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Kudej: I do not know what has been going on that the Shelton Police has shut down River Road. They stopped and people go up Grove Street, and the last one seemed to be a conflict between two people: one was trying to get up and the other one was trying to come down. They did not want to move and I got an ear full that we are not doing anything about this.

Paul DiMauro: I went down there, and I do remember the night that you are talking about. When I went over Coram going down, they had Grove Street blocked from going down Grove Street. They had barricades up so I might been the beginning, but they put the barricades there so you could go up Grove Street and go, but you could not go down Grove Street.

Alderman Kudej: They did not put barricades up on Richard Boulevard. They come out to Belmont Avenue and onto Richard Boulevard, and down Grove Street. Tempers start to flare and I said that you are not going to get anything done but I will talk about it. People are looking to see if that road is going to be widened.

Paul DiMauro: No it is not.

By the way, we are kicking off on the Buddington Road intersection; we are engaging an engineering firm to redesign that road. We have a grant on it for monies to do it. We have to pay for the engineering, so I will be coming in for selection of engineer.

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 and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

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