

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

February 11, 2020

Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present Dave Billips, Director of Public Works
Fran Cain, Assistant Director of Public Works
Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent
Mark Cressotti, City Engineer
John Sullivan, Chairman
Jack Campaniello, Secretary
Tom Pereira-Member
Brittany Rash-Senior Clerk

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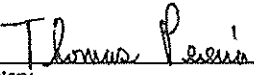
Reading of the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting waived and accepted.

- 1. Public Participation:** Matt Roman challenged the City Council for a LED light at Arch Road and Southampton Road. Matt Roman also spoke of the disrepair of East Mountain Road and how it is "falling apart." Roman once again suggested using rubber risers for the catch basins on Holyoke Road and wants more funding for road repair.
- 2. City Councilor Communications:** City Councilor John Beltrandi, DPW Liason met with Deputy Superintendent Casey Berube to tour the grounds of the DPW yard and the resources the Department has to work with. Councilor Beltrandi commented on the areas of the yard that are clearly deteriorating such as the salt shed and is aware of other deficiencies in the Department. City Councilor Mike Burns of 19 Kylie Lane, Ward 4 approached the Board with the suggestion that both Water and Public Works Commissions be combined to one meeting with one Commission of 6 Commissioners. The combining of the Commissions has previously been approved by the Law Department. Councilor Burns is requesting the Commission to email their input on the potential of combining the two Commissions.
- 3. Public Hearing of Westfield Starfires for Permit of Banners: CLOSE OPEN MEETING 7:12PM** Chris Thompson, owner of the Starfires wants to hang 24 banners throughout the City from the Great Bridges to the Court Street area. Mr. Thompson provided a picture of the banner as he has used them for promotions before in the City of Springfield. The banners would be hung from April 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020. Mr. Thompson also introduced his partner Donny Morehouse to the Commission. There are between 30-35 players on the team. The banners are approximately 30" but Mr. Thompson is willing to adhere to any size that is allowed. Director Billips thinks that it a great to promote the City of Westfield. Councilor Beltrandi questioned what would happen to the banners if they began to appear weathered or tattered. Mr. Thompson stated the banners appearances would be maintained. Councilor Beltrandi is in favor of the hanging of the banners. The Westfield Gas & Electric is unofficially willing to help hang the banners throughout the City. Kate Phelon a resident from 150 Hillside Road and a member of the Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the hanging of the banners. Councilor Burns had concerns about the size of the banner and if they would impact the hanging of the Veterans Banners. **Motion to approve the hanging of the Starfire Banners. Vote 3-0 Motion Approved. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 7:22PM.**
- 4. Department of Public Works Monthly Report:** Director Billips informed the Board there should be a contract in place by the end of the week for the recycling program, possible 3 year contract. This will require \$350,000-\$400,000 in funding for the new program. A long term solution would be to make the Transfer Station into a Regional Recycling Center. This would require a bigger permit to have more tonnage allowed at the Transfer Station. The Mayor suggested level funding as the budgeting process has begun. Director Billips would like to see a Central Maintenance Facility for all DPW Departments but funding and finding a location are two of the biggest challenges. The target date for the two new trash trucks is May 2020. The two trucks being rented will be returned. The new trash truck plan is still on track to purchase new trucks this Fiscal year and save money in the process. City Council passed the Easements for Crescent Circle and the residents have been made aware of what is happening in regards to the Stormwater repair. The Residents are pleased with the progression of the project over the last year. Staffing in the DPW is almost 100% with the addition of a new Office Clerk. Director Billips is proposing to change the City Ordinance in regards to the Sewer Mains with the lateral and property connections.

Director Billips informed the Board that we are to maintain the City Sewer Mains only and the residents should be responsible for their service lines and connections to the Main. Councilor Beltrandi requested a meeting with Director Billips, Assistant Director Cain, Deputy Berube and the Board before going ahead and presenting the ordinance change to City Council. Director Billips should have the FY21 budget for the March 10, 2020 meeting,

5. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:** The Columbia Greenway work has started and the equipment for the project has been brought to the site. This project is State funded and will be run by the State as well. The Public Hearing for the Levy Multiuse Trail will be March 23, 2020. 75% of the design plan for the Western Ave east project has been submitted for approval. The state is looking for Deeds for multiple City owned properties, one location is the Department of Land and Natural property on 4 Holcomb Street.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM.


Secretary