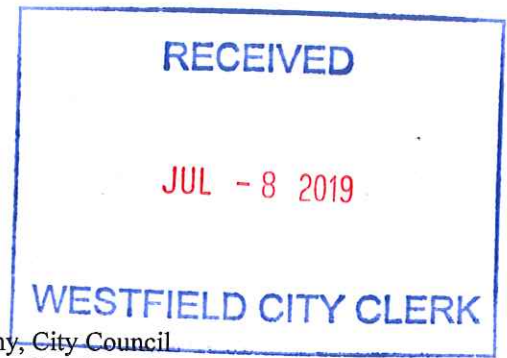


BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 14, 2019



Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Dave Billips, Director of Public Works  
Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent  
John Sullivan, Chairman  
Jack Campaniello, Secretary  
Thomas Pereira, Member  
Brittany Rash, Senior Clerk

Matt Emershy, City Council  
Les Lefebvre, City Council  
Cindy Harris, City Council  
Maryann Babinski-City Council  
Bill Oniski, City Council  
Mike Burnes, City Council

Reading of the minutes of the April 9, 2019 waived and accepted.

**1. Public Participation:**

Representative from 49 Montgomery Road was present to express their concerns about sewer backup three times; two of the three times the residents needed to completely evacuate the property. The residents are requesting a possible backflow valve, also requesting more than once a week check-in to prevent this from happening. Director Billips stated that they will be getting an outside hand to come in and assist. The Health Department will be contacted in regards to a grease trap for New Corner convenient store. Matthew Roman, member of the senior snoopers group, states he has a quote from Ferguson Water Company for risers for manhole covers to try and fix the covers on Holyoke Road. A representative from Devon Manor Home Owner Association was present to express the residents' concerns about the safety of the roads as they are being used more frequently as public thoroughway access.

**2. Alan Oskein:**

Alan and his wife Jane are looking for the board to grant them an emergency stormwater waiver. They state that the board has the authority to grant them this waiver as they are trying to harvest their crop properly and have no means of doing anything else with the land afterwards. Director Billips is under the impression from the Law Department that the BPW does not have the authority to grant a stormwater waiver. The Oskcins were advised to work directly with the Law Department as they keep stating they are looking for a waiver and then also mention a stormwater permit.

**7:30PM closed Board of Public Works Commission Meeting**

**7:30PM opened public hearing**

**3. Babe Ruth Banners:**

Representative from Babe Ruth attended the Public Works Commission Meeting to request approval to have permission to hang Westfield Babe Ruth Banners by Gas & Electric Company; APPROVED.

**7:31PM closed public hearing**

**7:32PM opened Board of Public Works Commission Meeting**

**4. Review of Private Road Acceptance to Public Road:**

Board of Public Works can recommend to accept the road into public way. All the plans are defined, according to Councilor Olinski. One reason developers do not turn over rights to the development is because there is no incentive. The Board was asked for a positive recommendation towards accepting these roads into public way. The only concern is accepting all the underlying issues that may be present for example; sewer connections, stormwater, water lines, etc. Motion to Accept the following roads for potential public acceptance; Devon Terrace, Gloria Drive, Hillary Lane, Nancy Circle, Frank Circle, Rachael Terrace, and Hillcrest Circle.

**5. City Councilor Communications:**

Councilor Burns, Ward 4, commending DPW efforts and ongoing work throughout the city. Councilor Harris seconds Burns praises as well as Les Lefebvre, Ward 5. Councilor Emmershy looking for a list of streets for paving; looking for crack sealing to keep roads in decent shape by maintaining the work. Councilor Babinski provided positive credit to Westfield Department of Public Works as the City is not the only city/town with road repairs.

**6. Follow-Up Discussion on Veterans Banner Protocol:**

Sample banners were obtained; this topic is tabled to the next meeting June 11, 2019.

7. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report David Billips:**

\$1.2 million dollars in funding from Chapter 90 to put towards Northwest Road and Prospect Street to do major paving projects. There have been road repairs to Granville Road, Bates Road, Lloyds Hill, Court Street, and Western Avenue with the use of the paving box; basically repaved all of Lloyds Hill. The DPW has done over 50 sections of roads patching potholes. The DPW is still utilizing contractors to assist with potholes each day, weather permitting. The paver box is no longer being rented as there are not enough funds. \$75,000 allocated from City Council for contractor work on the roads. Rear loader has been ordered for the first phase of the trash truck plan. Budgets are still being worked on.

8. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:**  
Not present for meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

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Secretary