

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD: February 26, 2019

LOCATION: 84 Somers Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

ATTENDANCE: P. Abair, W. Gelinias, B. Fenney, T. Christensen, J. Dunn, R. Esposito, J. Klase and R. Taddia

P. Abair called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.; P. Abair asked if anyone other than ELCAT was recording minutes. R. Taddia stated yes for the DPW department minutes.

BOARD ORGANIZATION:

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF 01/16/2019 MEETING: W. Gelinias made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2019; P. Abair seconded the motion. The vote was taken and was unanimously affirmative.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: B. Fenney updates: Welcome J. Klase to the DPW who will be replacing R. Esposito as the Highway Utilities Manager effective March 15, 2019. James brings 13 years' experience working with the Town of Granby DPW. **Proposed FY20 Operation Budget** was modified: Salaries were adjusted from 52 weeks to 52.4 weeks per town Accountant; and City of Springfield sewer true-up was increased to 70K. DPW was notified on February 6th that we have been approved for Municipal Small Bridge/Culvert program which has been approved for \$260K re: Porter Road over the South Branch Mill River. Partnering with John Davis and Mott MacDonald with all the required paperwork and will keep the board updated on the progress; traffic will be redirected appropriately during renovations. Town of East Longmeadow has applied for MAPC - LED Streetlight Rapid Retrofit Grant. This will offset the town with National Grid owned streetlights. We are looking to get smart control systems and cameras. Estimated cost is \$400K and with \$273K incentives/offsets = Town's portion totaling \$127K; the Town does not own any street lights; time of completion is 2020. Collector/Treasurer's office requests a Sewer Abatement – 76 Gates Avenue totaling \$1,384.90. This resident borders East Longmeadow where property taxes are paid to the City of Springfield. In 2009 this property was sold and the previous owner had not paid their sewer portion to the Town of East Longmeadow. Rates and fees will be due on April 1, 2019 so will discuss the details with the board within the next few weeks.

W. Gelinias entertained a motion to approve the Abatement for 76 Gates Ave; P. Abair seconded the motion. The vote was taken and was unanimously affirmative.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: T. Christensen updates: MS4 - working on IDDE plan; working with Mike Ray mapping the outfalls and catchments; initially had to complete outfall ranking; waiting for notice of intent by the DEP. Storm water management program (Tighe & Bond) permit due June 30, 2019. **Chapter 90** Paving: Finalizing street list; looking for an increase from the Capital outlay for more pavement; We were approved by the State and will be getting a new asphalt recycler and hot box with dump body and timer within the next few weeks; great asset to the department.

WATER & SEWER ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: F. Vachon updates: Completed last phase of the 2018 I&I study. Tested 40 buildings for possible inflow from roof leaders and driveway drains. Final report coming soon. Sewer crew has been out inspecting sewer manholes. 18 found with infiltration, 16 in need of repair and inspected all previously spray lined manholes to insure they are still in good condition. Pump #2 from Watchaug was sent out for repairs and returned, reinstalled and is now running like new. Pump

#3 sent out Monday for repairs. Pumps upgraded with new hard iron impellers, bearings, seals and new coolant for cooling jacket (\$14,491 ea.) Total project cost \$43,473. Saved \$22,080 on the price by having Town staff remove and deliver the pump (Boston) and then reinstall. Working with Tighe & Bond to complete plans for a wastewater meter vault on North Main Street. We are trying to tie in with SWSC while they do their sewer work on White St. in the spring. Water Quality samples are due the 2nd week in March.

BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER REPORT: **J. Dunn** updates: **Town Hall** – working on last phase renovations: break room and bathroom remodels are 90% completed; currently touching up tiles. **Meadow Brook:** Modularity will be replaced starting with the oldest rooms; asbestos testing was completed; core drilling testing for foundation was completed; Roof will be completed this summer, currently working with engineers to get a plan. **Mapleshade:** Door project – replacing doors to improve efficiencies and security (stronger latches). Working on a steam pipe project; recently replaced a 10' piece of deteriorated pipe so perfect timing; straight fiberglass no corners (no asbestos) **High School:** There was a leak in the roof; roof drains were full with 4" of snow then additional rain so roof is like a sponge; most visible leak is near the office; we replace the glass/acrylic lenses on the skylights every year; roof is tenting in the Freshman wing which was hit by a remote control airplane and damaged the membrane; SOI (Statement of Intent) has been requested yearly to replace the roof; roof can be replaced in sections; Electric system is taxed and is at its capacity.

HIGHWAY & UTILITY MANAGER REPORT: **J. Klase** updates: Snow storms: Crew has done a great job managing storms/events. Water breaks: Pease Road - crew replaced a 12" piece of pipe which was turned around quickly; a smaller break was patched on Dewey Street and will be replaced in the spring. Pothole repairs are ongoing with a few more months to go. Tree removals are completed as needed; we completed 16 work orders within the last 24 hours (high wind storm) as of 3pm today; all brush and trees were cleaned up. Currently waiting for National Grid to take care of the remaining trees that are near power lines; waiting on Hampden Road. New equipment: Truck 70 Mack Dump – All season body with ability to plow. Truck 28 – Ford F550 with a lift gate and tool box between body and cab; new vehicles are valuable assets for years to come. Mailbox damage: most of the damage was due to the plows throwing the snow not from the plow hitting the mailboxes; we have a mailbox policy in place where we go out and investigate each event before replacing. We have 2 workers dedicated to the man hole program but are still available for snow removal and other emergencies. Salt supply is ok; we have plenty to last us through the end of the year. **B. Fenney:** We had 20 events so far this year where we sent out a crew to salt and sand; we used 2,655 tons of salt to date; 3,500 tons of salt was ordered for this year which was allocated through a bid; we keep for reserve. Example: during the 02/20 snow event we used 54 tons of salt (2 in. storm)

OTHER BUSINESSES: Storm water disconnect program re: self-mitigating sump pumps – Bruce Fenney completed a video with ELCAT promoting self-education with disconnecting sump pumps to town sewer; letters will be sent to our residents in March; DPW will be happy to help residents come up with a plan before disconnecting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be in March. B. Fenney will email the attendees with proposed dates.

W. Gelinas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:04pm; P. Abair seconded the motion, there being no further discussion; the vote was taken and was unanimously affirmative.