

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY MEETING
May 10, 2016

MEMBERS: Chairman Todd Swanson, Bill Culligan, Tim Abbey, John Poshka,
Michael Head, Mike Catalano , Troy Winkelman

OTHERS: Andrew Thompson, Erin Schuster

MINUTES:

No minutes were written for the March or April meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrew advised that the pole structure replacement by O’Connell was on hold until there was a forecast of 3 days w/o rain.

The pre-bid meeting for the WPCF was scheduled for May 18th at 10:00 A.M.

Bruce Robinson has submitted his tree survey summary/report. He has recommended a tree replacement program looking at 5 to 10 year cycle.

The policy for Renewable Energy “buyback” is being advertised for 4 weeks, prior to implementation.

The award for the borings under the Thruway at Persons and McKinley will be issued in the near future. The Thruway Authority has approved the plan submitted by Rizzo for the work. Urban Engineers will do the inspection on the work for the Village.

The Purchase Order to Siemens for the Bourne St. Substation breakers has been approved.

John Tucker will be in on the 11th to review the material list for the project.

A letter from Steve Cockram, Growers Co-op, was discussed. The responsibility for the electric service beyond the meter is the customers. Andrew is to have a policy developed to address how the Electric Dept. will handle work requests by commercial customers.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works – General maintenance and post winter restoration work. Waiting on DOT permit for manhole work on Portage St.

Electric Dept. – Andrew discussed the recent e-mail explaining the electric load factor. He has some more research to do to fully understand.

Water Dept. – The filter media has been tested. It is 20 years old and the question is, what is the life expectancy of the material, does it need to be replaced?

Sewer Dept. – Aeration basin #3 has been cleaned out in anticipation of contract award for the WPCF upgrades.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

Regarding the future plans for a DPW Vehicle storage area/garage and seeking an AE to develop an overall site plan, Andrew noted that there is a USDA grant program for public use buildings that he was investigating.

It was noted that the 2016 budgets have been approved.

Andrew finished the second DPW newsletter. It has good information regarding the Village services/utilities.

The proposals for the Water Treatment Plant Control Panel was discussed. Andrew and Mr. Schuster provided input on the past performance of Plant – IQ and Aqualogics. Although Aqualogics proposal is higher, their responsiveness, past experience and knowledge of the treatment plant are all very positive. Plant- IQ has had questionable performance in the past and their timeliness to inquiries has be less than satisfactory.

After discussion, a motion by Todd Swanson and second by Troy Winkelman to award to Aqualogics was unanimously passed.

The draft NPDES permit from NYDEC for the WPCF was discussed. John Poshka has provided a detailed e-mail addressing his experience with this issue when he previously worked for the Village. The specifics of the permit would put a significant burden on the Village and changes in operation as written. The new limits on copper, zinc and mercury were questions as well as the temperature limits being proposed. The temperature limits would require cooling or the effluent before discharge. It was suggested that Andrew contact other similar sized municipalities to see if there are similar requirements being proposed or enforced.

At the beginning of the meeting Bill Culligan advised the board that he would be resigning from the board as they would be moving from Westfield after the sale of their house.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th. We will meet at 6:30.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by John Poshka, seconded by Troy Winkelman and was carried unanimously.