

**TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2011

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Chief Jack Daly, Albert Natelli, Christopher Palmieri (joined the meeting in progress), Garry Brumback and Thomas West.
Ex-Officio Member: Anthony Tranquillo, Steve Wlodkowski

Absent: John Leary

Chairman Romano called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

MINUTES OF January 5, 2011:

Motion to approve made by Al Natelli, seconded by Tom West and carried with abstention by Garry Brumback.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Public

None

b. Reports on Ongoing Operations

Bulky Waste Transfer Station - 2011 windshield stickers are available at the Clerk's Office and are effective upon receipt. The WAP has not yet been extended due to the snow. Steve Wlodkowski anticipates this to be completed in the near future. One of the scanner guns needs an update to the software.

Leaf Program – The site is being prepared for composting.

Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance – No update. Sites are inaccessible.

Parks Department – is working on snow operations and performing equipment maintenance.

Police Department – receiving complaints about the snow piles. Complaints are being forwarded to the Highway Department and being addressed.

Snow Removal – With the short break from storms, the staff had the opportunity to repair all of their broken equipment with the exception of a blow motor in one of their trucks. Although out of warranty, Dowling Ford has worked with Ford Motor Company to get this motor replaced at no cost to the town.

Storm Drainage Maintenance – Work scheduled to begin in April.

Street Lights. Staff met with Pro Energy to discuss time to address complaints. Due to Pro Energy's own audit and proactive bulb replacement they used their entire inventory. They have since replenished the inventory and are replacing the bulbs within the specified time frame.

Water Department – acknowledged the problem with the bituminous patch at West/ West Center Street. They are continually repairing it but can't make a permanent patch until the asphalt plants reopen. Tom West reported that he has 2 & 3 men working on shoveling out the fire hydrants. He requested that if residents can help in the effort it would be greatly appreciated.

c. Members Communications:

Potholes – Al Natelli asked about potholes patching. Steve Wlodkowski stated that he has 3 to 4 crewing patching potholes daily. State law dictates that potholes must be patched within 24 hours of them being reported and logged at the Highway Department. Hot patching will begin as soon as the paving plants open this Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Aircraft Road, Redstone Street and Newell Street – Tony Tranquillo informed the committee of safety concerns in the area of these streets due to the Yarde Metals expansion. The existing road conditions and turning radii are a concern for the pending truck traffic. Mr. Tranquillo reported that the most critical portion of this work could be completed by town staff. The committee requested that the work be broken down as individual projects that could be prioritized. Motion made by Al Natelli for a positive recommendation that the prioritized work should be presented to the Economic Development Strike Committee with approval for a not to exceed material cost of \$125,000 with the labor performed by the town staff. Motion was seconded by Chris Palmieri and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Prioritization Matrix – No update

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Chairman