

**TOWN OF SOUTHTON**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2013

Present: *Members:* Chairman Peter Romano, Christopher Palmieri, Sandra Feld, Garry Brumbach, Fred Rogers. *Ex-Officio Members:* Jim Grappone, Steve Wlodkowski.  
Absent: Chief Jack Daly, John DeGioia, Albert Natelli

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Romano called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Sandra Feld, to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

- i. Bulky Waste Station: Scanners will arrive this week.
- ii. Leaf Program: Nothing to report.
- iii. Retention/Detention Pond Maintenance: Ongoing.
- iv. Parks Department: They are cutting trees in Memorial Park and working on the maintenance of the tennis courts. They are preparing their equipment and expect to begin mowing this week.
- v. Police Department: No report.
- vi. Snow Removal: Update on the budget; it should equal itself out. The overtime is underfunded by a couple of thousand dollars and contractors will need an additional \$5,000-\$6,000. We are still waiting for some invoices but will be able to balance this with transfers from program services. Additionally, now that the Governor has expanded the emergency period from two days to three days, that will cover this program.
- vii. Storm Drainage Maintenance: Just started working on catch basins; drainage will be enhanced as we get ready for the road pavement program. We expect as a function of the road maintenance program to look at drainage as well as the condition of the asphalt.
- viii. Street Lights: Reports are getting better. We received two reports from the Police Department; 20 lights were reported yesterday and 8 today. Still working on the outstanding list from Total Energy. Their reporting has gotten significantly better as they have done a good amount of work on their backlog.
- ix. Water Department: Reported that they were having a public hearing on their water rates on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The relationship between the Water Department and the Engineering and Highway Departments is better than it has been in a long time. They are collaborating well and things are getting done.
- x. Other: No report

b. Members Communications

No specific comments from members.

c. Public Communications

Art Cyr complained that despite the fact that CL&P has made significant progress around town cutting trees. There are still a couple of trees on Academy to be done. Garry will send a note.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Downtown Maintenance. Garry Brumback provided an update on the fact that the budget allows for \$12,000. We recognize that there are some cracked bricks and street furniture and lamp posts that need paint. We have asked the Chamber to work with us on these issues to include them in the budget and will try to get into a regularly scheduled and resource maintenance program year after year. A priority for this year's \$12,000 is to fix the two cross walks on Center Street.
- b. Trench Bids. We expect to get these out in the next week or so and open the bids the first part of May.
- c. Sweeper Bids. We talked about the sweeper bids and recommended approval. Motion made by Chris Palmieri, seconded by Sandra Feld to approve. (Bid list attached)
- d. Safe Routes to School – issue with ConnDOT. Garry Brumback talked about the \$487,000 grant to do some additional sidewalk and crosswalk work around DePaolo along Pleasant and Woodruff Streets and also a path to connect Crest Road to Memorial Park. We thought we were done with design and had made it through several layers of DOT. However, a new requirement has been placed on us to build a 60 ft. bridge over a 5 ft. stream and we are going to continue to work with DOT to see if we can find a compromise, but as it exists right now, this may be so expensive that the piece connecting Crest Road to Memorial Park is at risk. I don't know what that will do to the remainder of the grant.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Road Improvement Program – Update. Discussion followed on the road improvement program. There is no set bid but we are planning to partner with Meriden who is also going out to bid and our only issue is that the contractor must be State pre-certified even if they are not on the State contract.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, Chris Palmieri made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Feld. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Romano, Jr.  
Chairman

Attachment: Sweeping bids

Town of Southington  
Highway Department

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March 28, 2013

Mr. Carry Brumback  
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**RE: 2013 SUPPLEMENTAL STREET SWEEPING BID**

Dear Mr. Brumback,


After reviewing the bid results for the 2013 Supplemental Street Sweeping Bid, I recommend that the bid be awarded to CSS Industries, LLC of New Haven, CT for one (1) sweeper and Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc. of Enfield, CT for one (1) sweeper. These were the lowest of the five bidders. CSS Industries, LLC has a High recommendation from the City of Middletown and we have used Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc. in the past with good results. Please have this added to the agenda for the April 8, 2013 meeting of the Town Council.

The bids received are as follows:

CSS Industries LLC, New Haven, CT-----	\$84.74/hour
Rafferty Fine Grading Inc., of Enfield, CT-----	\$93.30/hour
J.V. III Construction, Inc., of Rocky Hill, CT-----	\$94.80/hour
Tri State Industrial Maintenance LLC, Oxford, CT-----	\$119.00/hour
Janet's Sweeping, Southington, CT-----	\$120.00/hour

Please contact me with any questions that may arise.

Yours Truly,

  
Steven Wlodkowski  
Highway Superintendent

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