

**Town Of Southington**  
**Public Works Committee**

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2014

Present: Garry Brumback, Jim Coleman, Chief Jack Daly, Keith Hayden, Tom Lombardi, Chris Palmieri, Sandra Feld

Absent: Paul Champagne, Ex-Officio members Fred Rodgers, Steve Wlodkowski,

**1. Call to order:** Tom Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the former Town Hall Council Chamber, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Quorum** Established

**2. Minutes:** Minutes from November 5, 2014 meeting approved with minor changes to indicate that Tom Lombardi, Chris Palmieri, and Steve Wlodkowski were present at the November 5, 2014 meeting.

**3. Communications:**

- a) Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special notices
  - i) Nothing reported
  
- b) **Police Department (CJD)**
  - i) Everything continues to go well
  - ii) The dog park roof is going well and should be substantially complete by the week ending December 6<sup>th</sup>.
  
- c) **Bulky Waste (KH)**
  - (1) Remain open every Friday for leaves
  - (2) Every other Saturday for normal operations
  - (3) Schedule posted on website

**d) Hi-Way Department: (GB )**

**i) Discussion on Leaf Collection**

- (1) Continuing as scheduled although approx.. three days were lost due to the snow from Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- (2) Zone 1 will get the 2<sup>nd</sup> pick-up during week of December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- (3) Discussion on the schedule of leaf pick-up.
- (4) Noted that the Zones change year to year
- (5) Motion to continue the schedule originally scheduled passed 5-1
  - a) Zone 1-Residents must have leaves out no later than 11/3/14
  - b) Zone 2-Residents must have their leaves out no later than November 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Zone 3-Residents must have their leaves out no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) Zone 4-Residents-must have their leaves out no later than November 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - e) Zone 1 will receive a second pick-up and leaves must be out no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**e) Parks Department (GB)**

- i) Park Improvement Plan discussed which was approved by the Town Council
- ii) Estimated cost is approx.. \$900k per year for the next three years
- iii) Skating Rink (Mill Street area) is scheduled to be set up the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> and will run all winter until temperatures no longer permit.

**f) Engineering (KH)**

- i) LED Street Light replacements going well. Each light saves about \$1 per month and provides better lighting and longer lifespan
- ii) Riccio way improvements are going well (benches, light posts being re-painted)
- iii) Consultant Interviews are going on to extend the rails to trails from Lazy lane to West Queen Street.

**g) Water Department (GB)**

- i) Nothing major to report
- ii) Water Department will be issuing a bond which will be before the Town Council at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**h) Other (GB)**

- i) There will be an RFP for a commodity management consultant to work in energy management and procurement.
- ii) The Town spends approx.. \$3M on utilities and having this oversight should help realize a savings
- iii) Cost benefit makes sense to look into this option.

**i) Members**

- i) No comments

**j) Public**

- i) Discussed the benefits of the Water Department utilizing the Town for bonding which allows for better bonding rates and noted the bond from approx.. 4 years ago which saved money
- ii) Discussed the bulky waste usage and tracking the usage via the scanning system.

**4. Old Business**

a) Nothing reported

**5. New Business**

i. Approved meeting schedule for 2015

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approx.. 5:15 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Tom Lombardi**