

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2015

Present: Chairman Paul Champagne, Garry Brumback, Chief Jack Daly, Sandra Feld, Christopher Palmieri, Tom Lombardi, Keith Hayden, Steve Wlodkowski,

Absent: Jim Coleman Ex-Officio members Fred Rodgers

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

**Quorum** Established

**Minutes:** Minutes from January 2015 meeting approved

**Communications:**

1) Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

- a) **Police Department:**– Everything continues to go well (CJD)
  - i) Police activity busy due to winter weather and driving conditions (CJD)
- b) **Hi-Way Department:**
  - i) **Roads** –Snow budget is close to exhausted. (SL)
  - ii) **Road treatment product** – We have enough for approximately two more events , 1000 tons on back order and delivery coming in slowly (SL)
- c) **Parks Department:**
  - i) Skating Rink is up and being used. (SL)
  - ii) Working with contractor (BL Company) on park expansion plan. Work to start in spring or early summer. (KH)
- d) **Bulky Waste:** New Stickers are available at Town Clerks office or can be done online (go to Southington.org for online procedure). (PC)
  - i) Bulky Waste is currently operating on every other week schedule, see Town web site for schedule
- e) **Engineering:**

- i) Contractor is continuing with LED replacement. To date 977 lights have been changed out. This not only reduces the Towns usage bill but uses half the wattage which provides a “greener” solution. (KH)
- ii) Consultant Selection, Design of Trail Extension (Lazy Lane)
  - a) BL Company (KH)
- iii) Consult Selection, Construction Inspector SRTS
  - a) BL Company – Working on scope of project (KH)
- iv) Old Mountain road Bridge replacement – Out to bid 3/2/15 (KH)
- v) West Queen St. Bridge – Working with DOT(KH)
- vi) West Center St. Bridge – Proposal due 2/15/15 (KH)

**Water Department:** No Report

**Other:** Crossing guard (John Dicaprio) has requested that we look into a device that could be placed in road to indicate “school crossing”. Chief Daly is in support, I will bring to attention of BOE which supplies material for guards at next BOE meeting. (PC)

**Member Communication:**

**Public Communications:** Reported that car is in snowed in the municipal lot off of Columbus Ave. Chief Daly will have patrol look into.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** New Public works Organization – Town Manager G. Brumbach is proposing a new organization, moving Keith Hayden to the position of Director of Public Works. This is being sought because of the upcoming retirement of Steve Wlodkowski. Details of organization will follow when this goes to Town Council for vote and gets approved. A base organization chart was presented and questions asked. This could result in a 40k to 60k overall savings for the town. Recommendation was to send to Town Council.

**Adjournment:**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Paul W. Champagne**

**Chairman**