

Town of Southington
Public Works Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2016

Present: Garry Brumback, Tom Lombardi, Ed Pocock Jr, Christopher Palmieri,
Chief Jack Daly

Ex-Officio: Jim Grappone-Engineering Department, Gabe Calandra-
Highway Department

Absent- Paul Champagne, Jim Coleman

1. **Call to Order:** Tom Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT

Quorum established

2. **Minutes-** Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

3. **Communications**

- a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices-no comments
- b. Police Department-Chief Daly
 - i. Chief Daly updated the Committee on the wall repair being done by the Hospital on Meriden Ave as it relates to safety and school walkers. No impact on walkers and communication went out to the nearby residents to inform them.
 - ii. Chief Daly updated that the paving is completed on Meriden Waterbury Turnpike which lower the road to improve sight lines.
 - iii. Garry Brumback is going to provide an update to the Town Council regarding timeframe on the wall. Garry also complimented the police department on the speed limit enforcement that has been going on in Town.
- c. Bulky Waste Transfer Station-Gabe Calandra
 - i. Operations have been steady and the closing time of 3 pm has caused one issue with a resident who entered the facility after 3 pm and police had to be called. Scanners are working well.
- d. Highway Department-Gabe Calandra
 - i. Hazardous Waste collection on Saturday September 17th at the Highway department building.
 - ii. Renovation of the Highway Department-the second bid response came in late in the day on Wednesday September 7th. Highway department is still working through the budget with the hopes of beginning construction mid-October and completing by late December. Staff performed a Value

Engineering analysis to reduce costs. Highway will be performing some of the work. A favorable CROCG bid was received from Millennium Builders under the EZ IQC pre-bid catalogue of tasks, which will be referred to the Town Council. Ed Pocock Jr. commented that he is happy the project is moving forward as it is long over-due.

- iii. Sweeping is an on-going process-no issues noted.
- iv. Leaf bids are due 9/13.
- v. New multi-purpose Vac-All should arrive mid-October and will be used this season for leaf pick-up.
- e. Parks Department –Gabe Calandra
 - i. Memorial Pool splash pad is ordered and will be installed this fall.
 - ii. Drainage issue will be looked into by Millennium.
- f. Engineering –Jim Grappone
 - i. West Center Street Extension Bridge bids will be in during the late Fall with construction beginning in the Spring of 2017. There will be alternating one-lane traffic with a temporary traffic signal. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2017.
 - ii. Spring Street Bridge-Preliminary Design is being reviewed by staff.
 - iii. School access walk notices have gone out to residents impacted. Sidewalks will be turned over prior to winter.
 - iv. Library Roof bids came in for a total cost of approx.. \$170,000 which is below the budgeted amount. Roof will be complete prior to winter. HVAC unit will need to be raised to accommodate the new roof. Tom Lombardi asked Jim to look into the HVAC unit to see if it is worth replacing at this point in anticipation of the Library renovation coming up in the next few years. Garry Brumback made a motion to bring this action to the Council, seconded by Chief Daly. All members in favor.
 - v. 427 Pleasant Street Demolition bids are still coming in and the issue will be brought up at the next meeting.
 - vi. 201 River Street Demolition was completed on Wednesday September 7, and the clean-up should be done by week's end.
 - vii. Prospect Street-road re-construction is on-going. Concerns were raised regarding the use of the road for the Apple Harvest Parade and Jim is going to look into it to.
- g. Water Department-Garry Brumback
 - i. Garry updated the Committee on the chemical spill on Spring Street. No impact to the two public wells and testing will continue for approx. 90 days.
- h. Other
 - i. Tom Lombardi raised the discussion on the driveway apron requirements that was raised at the August Town Council

meeting. The committee favored 4-1 the Town's recommendation that all new driveways require 2 feet minimum of asphalt as opposed to other material (concrete, pavers, etc). This will minimize damage to town plows and prevent the Town from costly repairs from plow damage. Tom Lombardi was the sole opposing member and stated he feels that residents should have the choice but supports the Town not being liable for damages incurred to surfaces other than asphalt.

i. Members

i. Both Tom Lombardi and Ed Pocock Jr complimented the Town departments for their diligence during the chemical spill on Spring Street.

j. Public

i. Arthur Cyr-105 Berlin Ave commented on the railroad ties being removed on Spring Street and the rails to trails in Cheshire is set to open connecting to the Town Line. He is pleased with the town-wide paving by O&G and the upper parking lot at the Town Hall. He also mentioned there are excess pavers at the Sewer Department that are just being stored and not used. Garry mentioned the pavers will be used downtown to replace damaged pavers in the future.

4. Old Business-no comments

5. New Business- no comments

6. Adjournment-Motion to adjourn made by Garry Brumback, seconded by Chief Daly at 5:22 pm. All members in favor.