

Department of Public Works Board Meeting

Tuesday October 13, 2015

Members Present:

M. Doughty, S. Pearsall, K. VanGorder, P. O'Mara, R. Teeter

Others Present:

Superintendent Chris Bistocchi, Deputy Superintendent Nic Dovi

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by P. O'Mara.

Approval of Minutes from meeting on September 8, 2015

Motion by M. Doughty Second by R. Teeter

All in favor – Approved unanimously

Old Business:

Sidewalk grievance from 62 North Main Street. Owner Pat Perfetti presents to discuss situation/events that surrounded incident. Stated the City DPW placed the snow on his walk illegally. S. Pearsall commented on the need for the City to plow the streets. K. VanGorder commented on the Code Dept. processing this correctly as far as pictures, documentation, time and contact of owner is concerned.

Motion by P. O'Mara to uphold Second by M. Doughty

All in favor – Approved unanimously

New Business: Water Grievances

Comment by Deputy Superintendent Dovi to process out of order of agenda and process the grievances that individuals were present first. Agreed on by Board.

1. 20 Yong Street

Owner present. Gave brief description of events. Water Department unknowingly broke his sewer lateral during a water main replacement project. Commended department for quick response and correction to the matter. Was seeking restitution for a \$351.00 Drain Brain bill.

Motion by P. O'Mara to overturn Second by R. Teeter

All in favor – Approved unanimously

2. 12 Jewett Avenue

Owner present. Gave brief description of events. Superintendent Bistocchi gave recent history of frozen water services in that area. M. Doughty stated that the recommendation to let your water run during the winter months are just that – recommendations, and it is still the responsibility of the property owner for the cost accrued by these measures.

Motion to uphold by P. O'Mara Second by R. Teeter
All in favor – Approved unanimously

3. 6 Yong Street

Owner not present. Superintendent Bistocchi gave brief description of events. Property owner was looking for water bill to be lowered to seasonal usage and restitution for Homer Iron Works bill for attempting to thaw out frozen service. In actuality, the frozen water main in this area was to blame for the problems. K. VanGorder noted the importance of consistence when ruling on these matters.

Motion to overturn by M. Doughty Second by K. VanGorder
All in favor – Approved unanimously

4. 5 Yong Street

Owner not present. Board read through supporting documents, and concluded that the water situation on Yong Street over the winter did not contribute to the issues with the residents internal plumbing (toilet) but did effect water usage.

Motion to overturn water bill to reflect seasonal usage only by S. Pearsall.
Second by M. Doughty
All in favor – Approved unanimously

5. 89 Bartlett Avenue

Owner not present. Board looked thought supporting documents and concluded that the problems with plumbing were strictly internal and not the City's issue.

Motion to uphold by P. O'Mara Second by M. doughty
All in favor – Approved unanimously

6. 7 Brown Avenue

Owner not present. Board read through supporting documents and had a brief discussion. Board cited that internal plumbing costs were not the City's issue.

Motion to uphold by M. doughty Second K. VanGorder
All in favor – Approved unanimously

7. 3736 Kellogg Road (Cortland Line)

Owner not present. Superintendent Bistocchi gave description of current code as it reflects on the sprinkler system charges and practices. Owner was looking for a reduction of the sprinkler fee from \$4,000.00 annually to \$800.00. The new owner cited a billing glitch that C. Bistocchi agreed with. S. Persall had questions about ownership and installation of the sprinkler line on the premises.

Motion to overturn by S. Pearsall Second R. Teeter
All in favor – Approved unanimously

8. Warrant Analysis by C&S Engineers

Deputy Superintendent Dovi gave an overview on the progress of the study. Three out of four intersections have been completed. Each analysis was very detailed approximately 40 pages of supporting documents had been provided for each.

9. Trash and Recycling Bids for 2016 to 2018

Superintendent Bistocchi gave a brief overview of Bert Adams Disposal references, insurance requirement and bid prices.

Motion by R. Teeter to make recommendations to Common Council to accept bid price from this company. Second by P. O'Mara

All in favor – Approved unanimously

Other Items:

R. Teeter inquired about the status of the Fire Pull Boxes. C. Bistocchi advised members that Mayor Tobin and Corporation Counsel are currently formulating a plan for review of current systems.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Motion by P. O'Mara Second by S. Pearsall

All in favor – Approved unanimously