

Department of Public Works Board Meeting

Tuesday April 12, 2016

Members Present:

P. O'Mara, M. Doughty, K. VanGorder, C.Kostuk

Others Present:

Superintendent Chris Bistocchi, Deputy Superintendent Nic Dovi, Representatives from Cortland Line Co.

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by P. O'Mara

Approval of Minutes from meeting on November 10, 2015

Motion by M. Doughty Second by C. Kostuk

All in favor – Approved unanimously

Old Business: None

New Business: Grievances

P. O'Mara recommended proceeding out of order so the representatives from Cortland Line present could be addressed in a timely manner. All other members agreed.

1. Superintendent Bistocchi gave a brief history regarding a clerical error that caused Cortland Line to be overcharged substantially for a number of years for their sprinkler fee. Also noted that in a previous meeting the board ruled to correct the error for future billings. The grievant now was looking for a refund of \$22,400.00 from a seven year period of improper billing. K. VanGorder asked if the DPW Board had the authority to grant such a request and Superintendent Bistocchi confirmed section C11-4F gave authority.

Motion by C. Kostuk Second by M. Doughty

All in favor – Approved unanimously

Board rules for the grievant \$22,400.00 shall be paid from the Water Department reserves to Cortland Line Co.

2. The installation of a stop sign on Prospect Terrace at Graham Avenue; a letter from Beau Harbin was read outlining the request. A brief discussion on the layout of this specific intersection, parking and slopes ensued.

Motion to deny by P. O'Mara Second by C. Kostuk

All in favor – Approved unanimously

K. VanGorder requested accident reports and traffic counts for this specific intersection.

3. Discussion regarding lengthening the no parking zone in front of Randall School to encompass the entire area from Greenbush Street to the School parking lot.

Motion by P. O'Mara Second by C. Kostuk

All in favor – Approved unanimously

4. Reducing the speed on Denti Way to 15 MPH; brief discussion after reading requests from CAPCO/Headstart, which is located on Denti Way. K. VanGorder questioned authority legally of Board to set speed limits. Maps of the aread were shown and discussed and the lack of a sidewalk or walking path for park goers was noted. Further information needed.

Motion to table by K. VanGorder Second by P. O'Mara

5. Water grievance for 36 Hubbard Street. Brief discussion about multiple unauthorized tenants moving into rental property. All water passed through the water meter without issue.

Motion to deny grievance by C. Kostuk Second by K. VanGorder

All in favor – Approved unanimously

6. Water grievance for 147 Tompkins Street. Not enough provided information to uphold.

Motion to deny grievance by P. O'Mara Second by M. Doughty

All in favor – Approved unanimously

7. Garbage grievance at 42 Miller Street. Discussion regarding situation of resident placing trash out on incorrect pick up day.

Motion to deny grievance by K. VanGorder Second by M. Doughty

All in favor – Approved unanimously

8. Snow removal grievance on sidewalk at 28 Pleasant Street. Brief discussion on Code Department means of contacting residents. Paperwork and information was confusing to Board; times, dates pictures and chargers were not easy to follow. P. O'Mara requested a simple spreadsheet for documenting events like the information coming to the Board is more streamlined.

Motion to deny grievance by K. VanGorder Second by P. O'Mara

All in favor – Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Motion by C. Kostuk Second by M. Doughty

All in favor – Approved unanimously