

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022
Board of Public Works Conference Room

Members Present: Stephen Santos, Keith Ouellette, Alex Simao, Daniel Soares

Members Absent: John Davis

Also Present: Kenneth Batista

At 6:00 PM Mr. Santos called the meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS:

6:00 pm PW-3 Interview – Chad Jodoin

Jamie Tomas was also present for this interview. The Board interviewed Chad Jodoin for a PW-3 Heavy Equipment Operator. The members asked him questions about his experience and qualifications. Mr. Jodoin asked questions about the position. He stated that he was looking for a better retirement plan and somewhere he can advance his position and use his skills. Mr. Ouellette had performed an equipment evaluation with Mr. Jodoin before the interview. Mr. Batista and Mr. Tomas had previously interviewed Mr. Jodoin. They both recommended he be hired for the position. After deliberation of the Board members, they voted to hire Mr. Jodoin. Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simao to hire Chad Jodoin as a PW-3, Station 1, to be re-evaluated for his equipment operating skills after a three-month trial. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

#1071 John DaCruz – request for reimbursement for damage to a vehicle due to a pothole – Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Soares to send this request to the Town's insurance company. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

#1072 Carol Cimini – request for reimbursement for damage to a vehicle due to a pothole – Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette to send this request to the Town's insurance company. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

#1073 Ellie Villano, Town Administrator – Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on May 9, 2022 – Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Soares to file. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cherry Street/Center Street Signals – I again spoke with Down to Earth Construction with regard to the traffic camera issue at Cherry & Center intersection. The camera will need to remain in place as mounted in order to properly identify vehicles in line. The video system works by identifying how many vehicles are waiting and adjusts the exiting times accordingly. Moving the

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camera would not allow the design to operate efficiently. The maximum recall has been activated for that cycle in order to move vehicles when the camera is glared by the sun.

West Street Bridge – waiting to hear back from Chris Cignoli, Springfield Department of Public Works. Trans Systems was on sight last week to do an inspection of the West Street bridge. Last week Springfield DPW had to plate the joint on their side due to a failure of the joint and deck. Mass DOT was also on-site last week to respond to the failure.

The Department received additional calls last week with regard to poor road conditions. The calls were for Sroka Lane, Justina Circle, and Vienna Avenue. I have gone to each location to review their conditions. I would ask all Board members to please look at these locations in order to get input for resolution.

The third-party inspection for the Transfer Station and Landfill has been completed by Tighe & Bond.

Mr. Simao made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette to accept the report as read. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board to review bid results and award the contract for Pump Station Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Services – Suez was the only company to respond. There are a couple minor changes to be made before we can sign the contract. Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simao to award the bid for pump station maintenance to Suez. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

NOTES AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Santos asked the Board members to please review the Request for Proposals for the curbside rubbish and recycling contract before the next meeting so it can be discussed.

The Board signed invoices.

Motion was made by Mr. Simao to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ouellette. Vote 4-0 all in favor.

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