

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 18, 2021

Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present Fran Cain, Acting Interim Director of Public Works
Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent
Mark Cressotti-City Engineer
John Sullivan, Chairman
Tom Pereira-Secretary
Brittany Rash-Senior Clerk

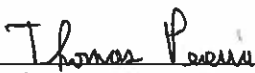
Reading of the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting waived and approved.

1. **Public Participation:** None
2. **City Councilor Communications:** None
3. **Discussion of 74 Joseph Avenue:** Resident written letter was presented for special consideration after discovery of a failing oil furnace, and requesting permission to cut into the road that currently has a moratorium for Westfield Gas & Electric to connect a gas line to the property.

Motion to approve road cut/trench: Approved
4. **Discussion and Vote on Contract Signature Authorization Form & Authorized Signature Form:** Motion to approve Deputy Superintendent Casey Berube for signing authorization: Approved
5. **Discussion of Roadway Straight Acceptance:**

Motion to accept Angelica Drive as an accepted street: Approved
Motion to accept Day Lily Lane as an accepted street: Approved
6. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report:** The Department of Public Works has been focusing on Southside drainage and catch basin repairs, patching potholes throughout the City, assisting the school department with repairs, as well as the Senior Center and Animal Control. Hillside Road and City View have been paved and the line marking company will be out in a week or two; just need to finish doing the driveways and transitions. There are a few open positions within the department.
7. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:** Projects are moving along nicely with the Court St project wrapping up of the multiuse trail that will connect both of the Western Ave improvements of both the central and eastern phase with the downtown. The Eastern phase has been advertised and the state should be awarding or issuing a notice to proceed in June. The Engineering Department is working diligently with the Commonwealth on the Columbia Greenway with presenting issues on the Elm Street bridge and Main Street bridge. The Elm Street bridge in particular has additional work that has been identified that will be delaying its completion; probably looking at late summer or early fall for completion. There is continued work on the West of the River Levy multiuse trail with anticipation of submitting 80% of the design plans in June. Another avenue of funding will need to be pursued as Congressman Neil's Office wanted the match to be done locally and not done by the state, but the department was unable to take on the commitment at that time therefor not granted the air mark grant. The Engineering Department and Department of Public Works are working on a list together to prioritize the work.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.


Secretary