

Thomas Pereira

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 13, 2021

Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present Casey Berube - Deputy Superintendent
John Sullivan, Chairman
Tom Pereira-Secretary
Stephen White-Member
Brittany Rash-Senior Clerk



Reading of the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting waived and approved.

Public Participation: Bob Pac, a representative for the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, gave a nice update on the trail and about the real time on-site count of cyclists, walkers, etc. Mr. Pac did mention some vandalism on the pavement (mostly spray paint) that has been taken care of.

Discussion of August Recess: August recess was agreed upon; a letter will be presented to the appropriate parties.

City Councilor Communications: None

Department of Public Works Monthly Report: The department is working with the Mayor, Engineering and Purchasing Department to coordinate the use of ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funding. The first Russellville Road drainage improvement project is complete. The second culvert replacement project is scheduled to start on Thursday and finish up on Friday. Holyoke Road drainage improvements are actively being worked on. The Berkshire Dr drainage project is in the works; relocating the structure. Fuel station upgrades have been completed at the DPW garage. The West Silver Street illicit connections eliminations are in the planning phase with the Engineering Department and hope to be accomplished later this summer. Enhanced GPS fleet tracking technology installations are to start mid-August by Routeware. The solar crosswalk signage on Notre Dame Street has been installed. The Department is actively working with the Personnel Department on filling vacant positions.

City Engineer Update: **Russellville Road (Entire Length excluding the newer section between Patriots Drive)** - DPW hopes to get a culvert replaced at the end of this week (rain dependent) which will free up the schedule for Indus to complete the Cold in Place recycle followed by a 1.5-inch Hot Mix Asphalt overlay by Northeast Paving. Indus is confirming their schedule but expects to complete their work before the end of August. **Springfield Hill Road (East Mountain Road to the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station - 1,400')** - A shim and overlay to be completed by Northeast Paving. This is a small effort right down the street from the paving plant. Waiting on a schedule but should occur at a similar time to Russellville Road or sooner. **Union Street (Elm Street to Neck Road)**- This will include a 2-inch mill and overlay by Northeast Paving once the curbing and sidewalk work is completed by Gomes Construction. The paving work may not occur until this fall or possibly spring of 2022 dependent on when Gomes completes their work. **George, Frederick, Parkside Avenue (Full Pavement Replacement of the entire length of streets)**- This project was previously designed by Tighe & Bond for a full "Old Town Roads" reconstruction effort which includes water main replacement, drainage improvements, new curbing, sidewalks, trees, and pavement repair. The project should go out to bid this summer with utility improvements occurring this fall. Road and sidewalk improvements will likely start next spring. This project will be funded with a combination of local funds and Federal ARPA money for sewer and water improvements. **Additional Streets-** To be determined once we get bid results for the George, Frederick, Parkside project. Based on estimates we should be able to pave 1 or 2 more streets. **Western Avenue Phase 2** - MassDOT issued the Notice to Proceed on June 8th to Morais Concrete (Same contractor as Phase 1). They are working on scheduling a preconstruction meeting soon with the hopes of construction starting later this summer and into the fall. Engineering Department will keep everyone posted on schedule updates. Final road repairs should occur later next year along with the new traffic signal at Lloyds Hill/Western Avenue and the replacement of the 2 traffic signals at Court/High Street and Mill Street/West Silver Street. **Cowles Bridge-** requested another update from MassDOT on when construction will resume.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.


Secretary