

Public Works Committee Minutes

Regular Scheduled Meeting November 19, 2002

CITY SHOP, CONFERENCE ROOM

12:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Paul O'Brien at 12:12 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: P. O'Brien, K. Murphy, L. Bradbury, D. Trantham

Excused: M. Shantz

Unexcused: M. Samuelson, Y. Jorgensen

Others Present: Clair Grifka, Public Works Director

Betsy Jumper, Administrative Assistant

Greg Sargeant, Village Safe Water

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

Jeff Sanders commented on how good the roads are this year and the lack of dust. Tundy Rodger's expressed concern about the snow machine trails, especially the traditional trails where they go over the pipes. Clair stated ramps were going in on a few spots and fencing was going to be installed to try and direct people through these places. Lorin Bradbury wondered if anything could be done about snowmachiners going on lawns. A Public Service Announcement can be put out. There were also concerns about the height of the boardwalk near Pinky's Park. Maybe the "bottleneck" near the teen center could be "re-channeled" to a different crossing.

Jorene Hout also stated how good the roads are and lack of dust. But, she felt the grader operators needed training on how to maintain a road. Willie Keppel wondered about road maintenance from bowling alley to the new learning center, along with the sewer system and access to Pinky's Park.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by L. Bradbury/Seconded by D. Trantham

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Concern about receiving the Denali Commission letter in an untimely manner.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Greg Sargeant talked about the status of the shop floor, stating it is about 20 years old and the floor is buckling. The steel is warped and stretched. Water is getting underneath the steel, making it a trip hazard. Would like to get more steel in the spring time when the barges are in service. For now, just patching /sealing it up. A copy of the engineering study was recommended to the PW committee members.

Safety issues were discussed with the various depts. The cab companies have been calling to thank us on the roads. The belly dumps were a tremendous help. Have been doing a lot of maintenance at the water treatment plants. Road maintenance busy repairing equipment, about done with summer/fall projects. New mechanic has been hired. Utility Services were discussed.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman O'Brien inquired about 6th Avenue. Clair stated top of list for next year. An agreement between property owners was reached. A few soft spots were repaired. O'Brien was surprised on how good the roads were this year. Mr. Trantham asked if there were fewer repairs done to equipment due to the improvement in the roads. Mr. Trantham also expressed concern over a number of buckets at a residence on Hangar Lake Road, posing a possible health hazard. Mr. Murphy stated maybe the city should provide something for honey bucket users to dump. Mr. Grifka stated that there was a dumping site, but it became a problem and Mr. Grifka thought that the D.E.C. had concerns about it.

Chairman O'Brien asked about metered water. Mr. Bradbury stated it costs 25.00 each way to change things, and that things just suddenly came about.

Alex Hately needs to be improved. Also, rocks are very hard to walk on. Can sewer pipes be put underground? Mr. Grifka stated that a study was done, about shallow buries in easements, but felt that in end, would cause bigger problems. Mr. Trantham commented on what a good job the compacter is doing; compacting behind the grader. Mr. Trantham asked if we should have different meeting times. Chair O'Brien said the noon meetings work pretty well.

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MM/K.Murphy/ L. Bradbury seconded. Unanimous

IX OLD BUSINESS

Snow Removal Plan:

Chair O'Brien suggested that this item be placed on the next agenda.

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Crosswalks and Lighting: MM to table by L. Bradbury/seconded by K. Murphy. Unanimous.

ITEM B: Transportation Needs:

Chair O'Brien again questioned the dates/deadlines of the Denali Commission letter. Mr. Keppel would like to see 3 million given to the city for gravel. Chair O'Brian asked for a list from Mr. Grifka, who would like to see gravel, secondary roads. Would like to see pressure relieved at Watson's Corner. Pavement needs. Mr. Trantham introduced a project needs report to develop projects on paper. O'Brien stated the more organized we appear, the better. Ms. Hout was wondering why the city goes into "crisis" mode. She also expressed the need for something to be done near the hospital; it's too busy. More tie-ins are needed between Eddie Hoffman Rd. and Ptarmigan. Also, M.E. parking lot is questionable. Maybe a tie-in to the high school from M.E. Ms. Hout asked if the Denali Commission could do dust control, such as what was used on Standard Oil Road. Mr. Keppel also thought another item the Denali could do was windmill power. A list is needed of priorities in an expedited manner.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/M K. Murphy/D.Trantham seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm. Unanimous

ATTEST:

[Handwritten Signature]

DATE:

12/17/02

for Paul O'Brien, Chair