

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

413-770-1660

Prudential Committee Minutes for February 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.

Present were Committee members Terry Hayden, Kenneth Einhorn, Emily Pfeiffer & Dean Lagrotteria. Also present were Thomas Rock, District Superintendent, Ernie from Always Growing and Laurie Boucher, District Clerk. Residents in attendance: Mike LeVasseur, Dave White, Sandy and Robert Moore, Bruce Lipton, Bruce Solloway and Frederick Rahel

Swearing in:

District Clerk, Laurie Boucher was sworn in

Review January 5, 2019 Minutes

January minutes reviewed- motion made to approve and seconded

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed and motion made to accept and motion seconded

Review and Sign Warrant

Reviewed and motion made to accept and motion seconded

Road Report

Discussion regarding incident on approximately 12/21/18 that board was recently made aware of in which an ambulance that was responding to a residents house slid off the road due to icy road conditions. Tom Rock was updated by residents on 1/24/19 and updated the Board. Board had previously discussed closing Silver Leaf/Robin Wood Hill on which the incident occurred due to complaints about slippery conditions but the Superintendent made the decision not to close the road due to judgement of current conditions and resident requests not to close the road.

Residents Mike LeVasseur, Bob & Sandy Moore and Bruce Lipton were present at meeting and brought up concerns regarding quality of road service having diminished as well as road supervisor living outside of district and being unable to experience current road conditions as needed. Ernie from Always Growing stated that he previously had sent a driver with truck to check road conditions so that driver could plow/sand as needed while he was there, however chain of command now has him following the direction of the road supervisor which may result in a delay or cancellation of service. Tom stated that he has kept up with monitoring road conditions early in the A.M. and has been trying

to weigh road service against the current road budget. Ernie stated that Always Growing has not been paid for the past 3 bills and he has been paying for road servicing out of his pocket in the meantime.

Board confirmed that the current warrant contains 2 payments for Always Growing which will bring them current. There was also discussion with Tom Rock regarding road safety being the primary concern and unrelated to budget concerns.

Board again made residents aware of the road condition phone line and urged them to contact the road supervisor via this line with any road condition concerns. Terry Hayden (chair) will also be CC'd on any calls/texts. Per Ernie road condition alert signs have been ordered and will arrive in 7-10 days.

Terry Hayden requested residents return for April meeting to give Board an update on road conditions.

Residents also questioned Always Growing equipment which is still parked in District and tree trimming along roads. Ernie stated that he will move equipment on Wednesday 2/27/19 and future tree trimming will be done more cleanly.

Frederick Rahel (66 Longbow Lane East) questioned his recent road tax bill which was very high. He was redirected to the Assessor's office to discuss his concerns and Terry Hayden will follow up as well.

Motion made and seconded to accept road report.

Lakes Report

Ken discussed the Solitude Lake Management contract and proposed not bringing in divers/pullers for lakes that have already been sprayed but instead checking routinely for new growth, spraying Golden Fawn & Silvershield and using the 2019 budgeted diver/puller money towards other district projects/ expenses.

Approving the Solitude proposal/contract to be added as agenda item for April Agenda

Motion made and seconded to accept road report.

Berkshire Mosquito Control update

Tabled until next meeting. Terry Hayden requests that Board members provide names of people who will be invited to annual meeting to discuss mosquito control. Names to be provided by next meeting.

Subcommittees

Motion to suspend and re-initiated at a later date. Motion seconded

Correspondence and Additional Business

None at this time

FY 2020 Budget Discussions

Tabled until next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Boucher, District Clerk

Documents discussed at this meeting:

FY19 Budget Expense Report February 28, 2019

Monthly Cash Report February 23, 2019

Warrant 19-09 February 25 - Signed

Solitude Lake Proposal

Letter from Raymond Ferrin, Director, Town of Becket Ambulance Department