

June 4, 2015

Present:

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

Mark S. Nunes, Vice Chairman
David T. Hickox, Director

Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure
Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager

Philip Brodeur, 1 Glen Street
Frank Sylvia, 235 Cushman Lane

Joe Verissimo, J&T Home Builder

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending June 4, 2015. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending May 16, 23, & 30, 2015. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Azinheira approve and accept the meeting minutes of May 14, 2015, as amended. Mr. Branco abstained due to his absence of the last meeting. So voted.

APPOINTMENT

Philip Brodeur, 1 Glen Street – Water Bill

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that Mr. Brodeur came by his office in regards to his water bill. He then sent someone out to check the read which was correct and the meter was reading accurately. He explained at that time to check for leaks and any toilets that may have been left running. He informed Mr. Brodeur that the water went through the meter and he did not have the authority to abate his water bill and recommended that he bring this issue before the Board.

Mr. Nunes asked if Mr. Brodeur lived alone. He responded that his daughter moved in three months ago. He did discover that the toilet was leaking and had the problem fixed. He is hard of hearing so never noticed the running and leaking toilet.

Mr. Azinheira explained that because the water went through the meter that an abatement on the sewer could not be justified since the water was treated. He did however offer to have Mr. Brodeur pay the entire bill based on the lowest rate of the inclining block rate system.

The Board was in agreement with Mr. Azinheira's suggestion. Mr. Sullivan will inform Mr. Brodeur of the reduced rate and issue a new bill.

Frank Sylvia, 235 Cushman Lane – Water Bill

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that Mr. Sylvia had a similar situation as Mr. Brodeur. He had a leak that went undetected for some time due to the snow storms. He recommended that the Board also reduce the bill to the lowest rate.

The Board was in agreement with Mr. Sullivan's suggestion. Mr. Sullivan will inform Mr. Sylvia of the reduced rate and issue a new bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation to Approve VHB – Contract Amendment #7 Padanaram Causeway; Director to sign amendment

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that this amendment as well as amendment #8 is to wrap up the project. The advertisement for this project is set for September of 2015. It will be funded through the federal earmark.

Mr. Azinheira asked why there are two separate change orders for the same type of work being done under the same contract. Mr. Hickox responded that all the work to date has been done through separate funding sources. The causeway is paid through the earmark and the bridge is paid through Chapter 90.

Recommendation to Approve VHB – Contract Amendment #8 Padanaram Causeway; Director to sign amendment

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve VHB's Amendment #7 for \$44,000 & #8 for \$17,100 for the Padanaram Causeway and have the Director sign. So voted.

Mr. Azinheira also suggested that when the time comes that the Town issue a separate contract for Construction services to avoid confusion.

Recommendation to Approve VHB – Contract Amendment #2 Faunce Corner Road/ Ledgewood Boulevard Intersection Improvements; Director to sign amendment

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that this amendment is for VHB to do work that they are specialized in such as inspecting the sensors, reviewing the borings, the structural components and they will do the final inspection.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve VHB's – Contract Amendment #2 Faunce Corner Road/ Ledgewood Boulevard Intersection Improvements for \$4,000 and have the Director sign. So voted.

Recommendation to Award Highway Phase 1 Annual Bids

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that this is for the Highway Phase I annual bids and made the recommendation to approve as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to award Highway Phase I as presented to the Board. So voted.

Recommendation to Award Joint & Crack Sealing Various Town Roads

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that we received one proposal for this invitation for bid and recommended that we award to Sealcoating, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to award Joint & Crack Sealing Various Town Roads to Sealcoating, Inc. for \$103,550.00. So voted.

Recommendation to Award Waterworks Brass

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that we would be awarding this bid based on the unit prices not the total price.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to award Waterworks Brass based on the unit prices to Stiles Company. So voted.

Use of Emergency Funds for WPC Solar Credits

Mr. Hickox explained to the Board that rather than getting a reduced rate, the Town opted to get solar energy credits. The energy from the solar panels at the landfill currently costs \$.08 per kilowatt hour and the energy the Town buys from EMI is \$.09 per kilowatt hour. The Town has to pay for the energy credits ahead of time. For every \$100,000 the Town has to pay out for power, \$150,000 worth of credits will be received. Next year it will be built in the budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to approve the use of solar credits if needed. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Padanaram Causeway

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that the color of the guardrails still needs to be chosen. It will look similar to the Len Gonsalves Bridge up the road which is the MassDOT approved design.

The Padanaram Business Association is pushing for sidewalk improvements to be done at the same time however getting the funding in time will be difficult.

Mr. Nunes thinks it should be the same color as the lights. Mr. Azinheira was in agreement that it would blend better.

The project need form was submitted to MassDOT this week for the center pier replacement. This is the first step to get the project on the TIP.

There is also a large discussion on the recommendation to make Bridge Street to the Yacht Club a one way that will eventually come before the Board. There will be a public informational meeting just as was done with the Elm Street sidewalks. Mr. Azinheira suggested a public hearing with the Select Board present. Mr.

Verissimo asked when this will all be taking place. Mr. Hickox responded that it hasn't been designed yet. Mr. Verissimo expressed that the same roads are being repaved every five years throughout the Town and Padanaram has remained untouched. Mr. Hickox stated that the road will not be repaved until the sidewalks are fixed.

Update on E-1 pump 80 Slade Street

Mr. Hickox reminded the Board that this topic was discussed at the last meeting. The standard procedure to put in an E-1 pump is to run the low pressure main; the service comes off the main to the property line. The E-1 pump comes with a redundant check valve and the developer installs a check valve at the curb. Fay, Spofford & Thorndike or the contractor, when the Route 6 project was done they installed check valves on the service right at the main. It was brought to his attention that when this pump continued to burn out he actually had three check valves, one that no one knew about. Mr. Azinheira asked if the resident had a specific request or if Mr. Hickox had a recommendation. He responded that the resident requested assistance with his \$7,000 bill. Mr. Azinheira recommended if the resident would consider a fifty percent payment, the Board would take a formal vote at the next meeting.

Discussion on Garage Expansion Funding & Allen Street Asset

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that he and Mr. Nunes will be meeting with Mr. Cressman on June 6, 2015, to discuss the breakdown of allocating costs to the enterprise funds and if any credit will be given towards the costs. Mr. Nunes expressed his concern with the building being transferred for free and that there should be some contribution for the building which is an asset. Mr. Hickox will be putting together a proposal of the total costs and show the contribution by each department.

The Chairman then acknowledged Mr. Verissimo and invited him to address the Board with his concerns. Mr. Verissimo inquired on the current street sweeping schedule and specifically why Nicole Way and Elise Lane had not been swept to date. Mr. Hickox informed him that they are focusing on primary roads and are still working on secondary roads.

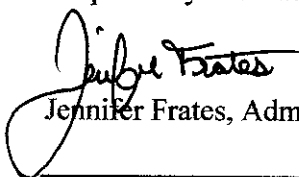
Mr. Verissimo's next question to the Board was whether or not an inspector can sign off on a building permit. Mr. Hickox informed him that the work has to be completed. Inspectors told Mr. Verissimo that he would get a sign off when it is landscaped and has the final grade.

Mr. Verissimo expressed his concern about employees smoking in vehicles and asked what the Town policy and disciplinary action would be. Mr. Azinheira informed him that disciplinary action would not be discussed with Mr. Verissimo, however, this issue has never been brought before the Board.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:35 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:


Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

