

RTM Public Works Committee Meeting - April 27, 2015

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Adiletta, Frank Adelman, Patti Bumgardner, Jenn Hite, Katie Keith, Jeff Marston, Tom Moore, Brad Patelli,

Absent: Alison Stolar, James Cameron, David Young, Richard Poli

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Adiletta at 8:05pm.

The Public Works meeting began with a discussion of the First Resolution (15-13) - the appropriation and issue of bonds and notes for various paving and parking lot improvements.

Mark summarized the five projects:

1. Leroy West - repaving approximately 4,000 square yards and replacing 12 lights with LED lights - \$25,000
2. Center Street - paving, curbing and sidewalks; 12 light poles and 16 fixtures as well as re-wiring electricity - \$300,0000
3. Ox Ridge - paving North side access road and small staff parking area which dates back to 1996 - \$25,000
4. Royle - paving all black top play areas and parking lots - \$85,000
5. 35 Leroy - paving parking lot in the rear; paving black top; changing fixtures to LED - \$80,000

Ed Gentile, the Director of Public Works, was on hand to answer questions. He discussed these projects with Board of Finance and their Chair, Liz Mao, and decided to roll the Public Works projects with the Board of Education projects to realize cost savings in the bids. Mechanic Street will also be within this bidding process but will come out of capital and not be part of the bonds.

Tom asked how necessary the projects were. Mr. Gentile said he would not have brought them forward if they were not necessary. Tom asked if we normally fund projects with bonds. Mr. Gentile responded that in the past, they have been funded through the Capital Fund and said it is not out of the ordinary in other towns to fund projects through Capital Fund. Tom asked if it gives the appearance we are spending less in our overall town budget. This became a key discussion point.

First Resolution: Jeff Marston made the motion to approve the appropriation and issue of bonds and notes for various paving and parking lot improvements. Tom Moore seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Ed Gentile then went over the Public Works budget to give the committee a better understanding of the details. He listed the projects included in his budget: Sidewalk Rehab; DPW garage renovation; traffic signal replacements (12 need LED fixtures); Town Hall Fire Alarm System; gym upgrades, and cameras at Leroy West (where there has been significant crime). A large capital cost will be the purchase of a new vac truck to clean sewers - it is 14 years old - cost is \$380,000, 50% will come from sewer fund; 50% from general fund.

Mr. Gentile discussed his new Facility Management model. Instead of hiring an outside company, he will hire in-house an HVAC certified employee to manage facilities. He will have two other employees under him. By having contractors in-house, the town will see cost savings.

First Motion: Tom Moore made a motion to approve the budget. Brad Patelli seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Second Motion: Jeff Marston made a motion to modify the agenda to change the name and composition of the Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee. Tom Moore seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Frank provided an update on the potential formation of a Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Third Motion: Jeff Marston made a motion to change the RTM Public Works sub-committee name from the Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee to the Pedestrian Infrastructure Sub-Committee. Tom Moore seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Following the Nov. 2014 elections the Sub-Committee was reduced to 4 of its 5 members: Frank (chair), Mark, Katie and David. To re-raise the Sub-Committee membership to the target of 5, the Public Works Committee added Jenn Hite and Brad Patelli, and removed Mark Adiletta at his suggestion. Going forward, the composition of the Sub-Committee is Frank, Katie, David, Jenn and Brad.

Fourth Motion: Jeff Marston made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Tom Moore. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

There was a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Hite and Patti Bumgardner