Town of Montville

Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee Regular Meeting Minutes August 26, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Montville Town Hall – Room 102

1. Call to Order

Chairman Caron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call (Councilors Bunnell, Caron, and Pollard)

Present were Councilors Bunnell, Caron, and Pollard. Also present was Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau, Jr.

4. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to add the following item to the Agenda:

8(c) Discussion of property located near Camp Oakdale Pavilion (millings, brush, wood) Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of:

a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2020
Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2020 (Informational Meeting)
Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda – *none*

7. Old Business

a. Public Works Facility update

A recent inspection was conducted by CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection) and work will begin to complete the CT DEEP updates for the stormwater drainage at the Facility.

b. Raymond Hill Church

The power has been re-established and two de-humidifiers that automatically drains will be placed in the Church. The possibility of fogging the Church was raised.

Discussion ensued regarding the future of the building; Councilor Rogulski will be requested to speak with the Library Committee regarding their interest in the building.

c. Animal Removal Policy

The Policy is on hold until the winter. Only one incident has occurred to date.

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d. Discussion of Roads to be Re-paved

The Subcommittee reviewed a list of the roads that are slated for re-paving and their estimated costs. Fitch Hill and Jerome Roads have been completed. Black Ash Road is almost done. Legion Court is on hold as they await to hear back from the Elderly Housing Unit regarding the re-paving of their parking lot. Raymond Hill and Black Ash Roads are slated for completion this year. The drainage and pipes on Raymond Hill Road will also be replaced, improving the water flow. Public Works Director Bourdeau was not aware of the shifting or sinking of Raymond Hill Road. The repaving of Gay Hill, Sharp Hill, Chapel Hill, and Moxley Roads are scheduled to begin this year (weather dependent).

Public Works Director Bourdeau estimated that they are approximately six months behind schedule. In response to Chairman Caron regarding the repaving of Black Ash Road, he stated that the road is being improved due to its thin pavement and water bubbling issues in several areas along the road; the drainage has also been replaced. He hopes to utilize any remaining funds to conduct maintenance work on the side streets off of Black Ash Road to increase their longevity. Roads are either repaired and chip sealed or repaved, depending upon their use.

Discussions are taking place with SCWA (Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority) regarding funding for the repairs to be conducted on Connecticut Boulevard. The \$458,000.00 estimated cost includes the milling and paving of the road.

The list will be provided to the Town Council in their next September Agenda Packet.

e. Boat Launch and Boat Parking Lot

The millings have been placed and the trimmings have been completed at the Boat Launch/Parking Lot.

According to the State's 2008 Memo, due to the environmental impact of the millings, only those that measure 4" and above are considered clean fill. Smaller millings may be utilized, but must be sealed over. As such, he is investigating the manner in which the millings can be stored and whether it is usable for future projects. Currently, the millings are being stored at Camp Oakdale and is slated for use at the boat launch where it will be chip sealed. If usable, the remaining millings could be stored at PTA Lane. Additional work to be conducted at the Boat Launch includes the posting of signage.

f. Road Clean Up and Weed Whacking

Chairman Caron commended the Public Works Department on their progress of the road clean up and weed whacking. He also requested that the Councilors notify either himself or the Public Works Director regarding any roads that need to be cleaned up or weed whacked. He also reported that he has contacted the State regarding the sight line on the corner of Routes 163 and 32.

Signage has also been placed on Maple Avenue cautioning drivers that children are playing in the area.

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8. New Business

a. Transfer Station

1) Prorating Stickers

Discussion will take place with the Mayor regarding the prorating of the Transfer Stickers by the half year and to introduce the item to the Town Council.

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to send the item to the Town Council. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

2) Scanner Issues

The scanner at the Transfer Station is experiencing technical issues reading the stickers through the windshields. Because the issues with the scanner has been continuing for approximately two years, Chairman Caron will discuss the matter with the Mayor and, possibly, the Town Council regarding the possibility of either taking legal action and/or hiring another company.

b. Discussion of Town Equipment

Public Works Director Bourdeau agreed to inform the Subcommittee regarding the disposal, gifting, auctioning, or sale of large town equipment exceeding a value of \$1,000.00. The information will, then, be referred to the Town Council regarding the future of the equipment.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of obtaining a list of the services that they are either being charged for or sharing between the Public Works Department and the Board of Education (BOE). Chairman Caron will request a list from Finance Director Terry Hart. The matter will be brought to the BOE in the near future.

c. Discussion of property located across the Camp Oakdale Pavilion (millings, brush, wood) At the request of the Parks & Recreation Department, Public Works Director Bourdeau reported that the brush, millings, and large logs that are currently being stored on the property will be removed by the end of the year. SCRRA (Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority) will be contacted to grind the large logs. Chairman Caron stated that he plans to attend the next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting regarding the removal of the items.

9. Remarks from the Public – *none*

10. Remarks from the Councilors

The Councilors expressed their appreciation to the Public Works Director.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville