

Minutes
Borough of Naugatuck
Board of Street Commissioners
November 18, 2009

The Board of Street Commissioners Regular Meeting was called to order 6:00 at P.M. Chairman with the following members in attendance.

MEMBERS:

Chairman John Ford, Present
Vice Chairman Sebastian Barbosa, Present
Co-Secretary Mark Ruccio, Present
Co-Secretary Judith Rossi Scantena (Absent)
Commissioner Timothy Walsh, Present
Mindy V. Fragoso, Burgess, Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Stewart, Director of Public Works
Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro, Clerk
Shelia Baummer, Recycling Coordinator
Joshua Ruccio, Resident

Vice Chairman John Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Sebastian Barbosa and seconded by Commissioner Timothy Walsh to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2009 as submitted, all members having received copies for review.

Voted in favor	Voted against	Abstained
Ford		
Barbosa		
Ruccio	NONE	NONE
Walsh		

Motion Carried

Public Comment – Burgess Mindy Fragoso explained that she was approached by a resident that had received the letter regarding the motion that had passed in the previous meeting regarding the discontinue of trash collection to properties with greater than 4 unit on a single parcel. Jim Stewart explained that it was a long standing regulation passed by the Commission a few years ago and there are several property owners that already have private haulers and so it voted to follow through with the regulation for all those properties. Burgess Fragoso expressed that if we are discontinue collection at properties over 4 families than we should make it uniform and also a cost savings by discontinuing service to private roads which currently bring there trash to the entrance of the road. Tom Baronowski, P.O. Box 2, Middlebury, expressed his concerns with his property on 15-17-19 Carroll St. stating that he has 3 separate homes totaling 8 units they should be considered individual and that the quotes he's been getting from private haulers ranging from \$140 per week to \$280 per week and feels he cannot afford that additional cost. Jim Stewart explained that they are on a parcel and similar to an apartment building and also commented that the majority of the residents that have received these letters have already established accounts with private haulers. Rosa Villano, 116 Rice Lane Ext., Beacon Falls, was present on behalf of Rebimbas Homes, LLC she also feels that she also has received the same quotes and cannot pay such a large amount for trash removal during these economic times. She also agrees with Burgess Fragoso that the regulations should be uniform for all including private roads and that her property is not a commercial property

John Ford explained that as far as the Commission is concerned all properties exceeding 4 units are commercial with profits and losses and that all public comments will be taken into consideration. Joshua Ruccio, 6 Summit Rd., Naugatuck an employee of the Public Works commended Jim Stewart on a fantastic job since taking on the role as Director of Public Works and wanted to discuss the possibility of acquiring part-time help during the winter months in order to fill the positions of employees out ill and also out due to workerman's comp. injuries.

Commissioners Concerns: Commissioner Timothy Walsh commented that all properties that received the letter are a business with profits and that there are expenses incurred when doing business.

Sub-Committee Reports – No Sub-Committee Reports.

Report of the Director of Public Works: - Jim Stewart, Director of Public Works discussed Joshua Ruccio's comments in regards to part-time help and explained that he is working with the Controller to secure funding. Paving on Evelyn Drive and the driveway on 43 Bailey Road are complete along with some drainage work on May St. near Gabriel Dr. and also on Hunter's Mt. Rd. The Street Dept. is out at Gunntown working on some erosion problems and seeding. Bellemare Tree Service was hired to take down and trim trees and there will be a new list of trees going out. The report on the drainage of Nettleton Ave. is complete and an engineer has been hired for the first phase. Digging has begun on Parcel C for soil sampling. The bids for the Street Department garage roof are open and are being reviewed. Dayton Construction came in as the low bidder for the Rubber Avenue Bridge Project at \$824,000 which will begin in the summer once school is out. There was a snow removal meeting in order to come up with ideas in regards to response time and pre-treating of roads. The Street Department 's truck #7 which plays an important part of the plowing program is 26 years old and has serious rotting of the frame which makes it impossible to load it with winter material so therefore a decision has to be made on how to proceed. Sheila Baummer explained the efforts of the Public Works department in getting the automated trash program up and running and the process of deciding what type of vehicles are appropriate for our operation and also Jim Stewart spoke to the Commission about adding in a line to the Trash Regulations allowing resident to put out trash bags not exceed 9.

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Motion made by Commissioner Sebastian Barbosa and seconded by Commissioner Timothy Walsh to add the regulation of - Each single family is limited to three (3) thirty (30) gallon household waste containers (or equivalent to 9 – 30 gallon bags) per week. Any additional quantities of waste will be considered excessive and not ordinary household waste. Excessive waste must be removed from the curb the next collection day or brought to the Borough of Naugatuck Transfer Station.

Voted in favor	Voted against	Abstained
Ford		
Barbosa		
Ruccio	NONE	NONE
Walsh		
Motion Carried		

Budget/Transfers/Bid Review – None

LU303 ISSUES –Public Comment (Related to Meeting Issues) – None

Personnel Issues – None

Motion by Commissioner Timothy Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Sebastian Barbosa to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Voted in favor	Voted against	Abstained
Ford		
Barbosa		
Ruccio	NONE	NONE
Walsh	Motioned Carried	

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Rossi Scatena
Co-Secretary
JRS/MR/Ilb

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Ruccio
Co-Secretary

Cc: Street Commissioners, Mayor Robert Mezzo, Edward Carter, Mayor’s Assistant, Burgess Mindy V. Fragoso, James Stewart, James Braziel, Pres. LU 303-12 Bulletin Boards- Mayors office/ Street Department Office/Garage/ file.

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