

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

February 8, 2021 –

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Colvin, Zachary Gallagher, Brian Blankenship (arrived late)

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Miller, Joette Dedden, Earl Isaacs

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley (arrived late)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Mr. Gallagher.
2. Quorum was achieved – Two members were present.
3. Mr. Colvin made a motion to accept the December 7, 2021 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.  
2 Yeas
4. Mr. Colvin made a motion to appoint Mr. Gallagher as chairperson for the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.  
2 Yeas
5. At this time, Chief Copeland went over new and ongoing projects:
  - a. Wessler flushed several fire hydrants to test pressure for the water model and at that time discovered a broken valve. This will be fixed in the spring.
  - b. The sign is underway. The electrician is scheduled to come next week and as soon as the weather breaks, they will start on the brickwork.
  - c. Ordinance on tonight's Council agenda to vote on approving Choice One to complete the engineering plans for the OPWC projects for both Franklin and Third. This will give the Village additional points. The total projects will be around 2 mil with the Village contributing around 800K. Chief Copeland stated that the points will be 4 to 5 higher than last year and the Village missed receiving the grant by one-point last year. There is a very good chance the Village will be approved. Mr. Colvin asked why the Franklin project cost was higher and is not much longer. Chief Copeland explained Franklin will include a lot of storm water projects.
  - d. There are still 3 to 4 homes on the old water main on Dayton Road. The Water Department has plans to switch them over to the new main this summer and cap off the old main.
  - e. During the snow storm the weight of the snow/ice from the plow did knock a couple mailboxes over. The Village is not responsible for mailboxes knocked over by the snow. The only time the Village will replace mailboxes is if the plow makes physical contact with the mailbox.
  - f. Chief Copeland asked for the Committee's input on what to do with the Lock Up. He suggested that either the Village will need to put money into the building for needed repairs and maintenance or consider selling the Lock Up. The old tenant does have the first right of refusal if the Village decides to sell, they did refuse the price of 135K. The building will require mortar work, heating repairs and updates, and insulation work. Mr.

Colvin asked what the advantage of the Village would be to keep the building. Chief Copeland did not see any good reasons to keep the building and feels selling it while the market is good would be the best option for the Village. It was decided to bring this topic up at tonight's Council meeting during new business.

- g. The clock to be dedicated at the Waynesville's 225 birthday will need to be repaired. Chief Copeland stated he felt it should be placed at the gazebo with Township's permission because it is the center of town and will be visible.
  - h. Received a complaint about the pile up of snow along Main Street covering sidewalks. The post office had the parking lot plowed and all that snow was pushed out into the street. The only option for the Street Department was to place the snow/ice on the side of the street. Theresa from Lily's asked for the parking spots to be cleared and the only option was to push the pile on the sidewalk. This made several other shop keepers complain about the blocked sidewalk. Chief Copeland did contact the plow company and asked them to not push snow into the street. This is an unprecedented storm, and the Village does not have the means to take away the snow. There was some discussion if the Village should look into purchasing a bobcat. This would cost about 50K, depending on the attachments.
  - i. Ms. Dedden asked if the staff could go around and replace missing valve covers. Chief Copeland stated that it is a spring project. During the winter the plows can hit them and rip them off. After the spring, staff will go around and replace missing covers.
6. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.  
3 Yeas

Jamie Morley  
Clerk to Council