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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2021

TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: BPW June – Director's Report

Please find attached a summary report of the Department's activity/issue/concerns for the June Board of Public Works' meeting.

1. Covid-DPW: DPW has returned (back to normal) to pre-covid operations. DPW staff NOT vaccinated are required to wear mask along with general visitors to City Hall. Covid testing continues on Centre Square property across from City Hall (electrical cost covered by provider).
2. DPW training: DPW operation staff received flagger training. Training scheduled for traffic control equipment in order to provide back up support to PD. DPW Engineering will also be receiving confined space training associated with the Pequabuck River conduit project. Frank Nicasastro has registered for Tree Warden Certification training. The training will assist the Department perform hearings associated with tree removals. As the City's tree warden I function as the hearing officer, therefore it will be helpful to have an additional certified tree warden to represent the City at the hearing. DPW is also scheduled to receive training by the Comptroller office as part of the end of year budget closeout.
3. FEMA Isaias: DPW continues to work with FEMA to complete reimbursement (75%) submittal documentation. DPW debris management regular time will be covered, however DPW Fleet Division overtime cost will not be covered. FEMA will provide reimbursement for vehicle and equipment, therefore it is anticipated that the City will receive close to the originally identified \$165,000 (75% of \$220,000) cost submitted by DPW for storm overtime cost.



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4. Spring Paving Program: DPW completed loaming and seeding in the Bayberry / Surry Drive area. They used a modified augur to spread the topsoil. The augur was designed for use on the back of a dump truck. DPW modified it for use by a backhoe. The modified augur allowed DPW to reduce time both placing the topsoil and the cleanup of topsoil on the road.
5. Mem Blvd Retaining Wall: The entire length of the wall will be replaced. The project includes the removal of 9 memorial trees that will be replaced at the completion of the project. The height of the replacement trees will be approx. 15-18 feet.
6. Police Court Complex HVAC: City performing interviews to select an engineer to design Phase I HVAC upgrades to Police Complex (CIP project 1.5 million budget). Work consist of the replacement of major electrical and HVAC equipment to be coordinated with City Hall Renovations to minimize occupancy impact.
7. DPW Mill & Pave Roadway Repairs: DPW milled (rented attachment) and paved a section of North Pond Street. DPW is currently identifying addition roadway section for repair and is in the process of soliciting bid to obtain a milling attachment of the Department's skid steer.
8. Park Dept. - DPW currently excavating/grading the parking lot area and will be installing storm drainage shortly. The first course of asphalt will be installed within the next 3 weeks. The final course of pavement will be delayed pending the installation of a water and sewer lateral to service a proposed bathroom.
9. Central Fire House: Renovations at Central Fire House are substantially complete. Punch list items remain including items associated with the garage doors, however operational problems with the door appear to be resolved.
10. DPW V.P. Kelly Road facility used for Farms to Family food distribution on 6/3. The next event is scheduled for 6/17/21. Conducting the events on Thursday's worked well, traffic flowed, a high number of residents received boxes and the food that was not distributed on Thursday evening was provided to local non-profits the next day.
11. DPW Vehicles: DPW received shipment of the following new vehicles - 6 wheel dump truck, 10 wheel dump truck, automated rubbish/recycling truck, and anticipates delivery of a 1 ton mason dump shortly.
12. West End Bracket Park / Route 72 Realignment: DPW has been contacted by DOT regarding additional planning/design work the DOT is performing on the roadway re-alignment.



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13. DPW issued a PO to BETA Engineering the Department's current pavement management provided to re-evaluate/rate City roads. The road rating update will cost \$24,500 and will be completed prior to fall 2021.
14. Covanta: DPW rubbish trucks have been experiencing long (45-60 min) wait times at Covanta. Since Covanta is in Bristol, DPW is able to monitor lines to manage delays, however we have experienced some (approx. 8 hrs.) of overtime cost during the last month. In response to long lines, a meeting was held through BRFFOC with the regional haulers and Covanta. Covanta has indicated that Waterbury will no longer be utilizing the facility and anticipated fewer delays. Bristol DPW remains very concerned, although Waterbury will no longer be going to the Bristol facility, Covanta is in the business of taking rubbish and I believe will continue to maximize rubbish input. In particular, since the BRFFOC communities' disposal rate (\$67/ton) is below market rate (\$105/ton).

Feel free to contact me with any question or concerns at 860-584-6113.