

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 5, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Keegan; Tom Livingston; Lisa Shanahan; Dominique Johnson; Nora Niedzielski-Eichner; Darlene Young

STAFF: Vanessa Valadares, Principal Engineer; Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations; Darin Callahan, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Michael Yeosock, Principal Engineer

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Chairwoman Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Smyth called the Roll:

Dominique Johnson	Tom Keegan	Tom Livingston	Nora Niedzielski-Eichner
Lisa Shanahan	Darlene Young	Barbara Smyth	

At Roll Call there were seven (7) Committee members present. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC INPUT (GUESTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS MAY SPEAK TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.)

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022.

Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner had one (1) brief correction. On page 10, third paragraph under Information/Discussion Item A2, Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner wanted to make an addition and change “Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner commented that there is a YouTube video on how miserable it is to plow that was put up several years ago and she wanted to applaud all of them” to “Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner commented that there is a YouTube video on how miserable it is to plow her street, that was put up several years ago and she wanted to applaud all of them.”

There were no other corrections.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

2. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF APRIL 13, 2021, ITEM VII.C.5 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM – 0301-0515NP PROJECT, INCLUDING THE P.A.L., ENCLOSED WITH THIS AGENDA WHEREBY THE CITY OF NORWALK WILL TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$3,750,000.00 ON MAY 30, 2021, \$1,875,000.00 ON JULY 1, 2022, AND \$1,875,000.00 ON JULY 1, 2023, TO FUND THE UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITY LINES ON EAST AVE FROM FORT POINT STREET TO OLMSTEAD PLACE TO BE PERFORMED BY CONN DOT. ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0471 AND 09 23 4021 5777 C0471.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4021 5777 C0471
 09 20 4021 5777 C0471
 09 21 4021 5777 C0471
 09 22 4021 5777 C0471
 09 23 4021 5777 C0471**

Ms. Valadares reported on this. This project was approved last year. They are only adding the accounts for the next fiscal year.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF (1) ONE 2023 MACK GR42F PLOW TRUCK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$265,043.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Torre reported on this. This is part of their Capital Fleet Program. They have three (3) 1995 Ford trucks that they are replacing. He stated that they requested two (2) trucks but was granted one (1) in the budget and if they do not purchase this year, the prices will be approximately \$30,000.00 more next year.

****MR. KEEGAN MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF A CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 8, 1982 FOR RETAINING WALL LOCATED AT 27 SOUNDVIEW AVENUE, SAID ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION BY AND BETWEEN KEPLER DORT AND MARGARETTE DORT, AS ASSIGNOR(S), AND JENNIFER MEAGHER AND DYLAN SAUERWALD, AS ASSIGNEE(S).**

Mr. Callahan reported on this. Approximately four (4) decades ago, the City issued a license agreement so the then current owner of 27 Soundview Avenue could build a retaining wall within the right-of-way. There has been a series of subsequent owners. Each time the license agreement has to be assigned and the obligations had to be assigned and assumed by the purchaser of the property. The process that has been followed is that it comes back to the Common Council for approval of the assignment, assumption, and continuation of the licensed agreement.

****MS. JOHNSON MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairwoman Smyth read Items 5 through 11 together as they all pertained to the assigning of ARPA account numbers.

- 5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION DECEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.D.7A TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING LLC FOR PROJECT DRG2021-1 DREAMY HOLLOW/BETTS BROOK AREA DRAINAGE, SANITARY SEWER & WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS. ACCOUNT NUMBERS 13 40 10 5796 APW01 AND 13 40 10 5796 APW06.**
- 6. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION DECEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.D.7B TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING LLC FOR PROJECT DRG2021-1 DREAMY HOLLOW/BETTS BROOK AREA DRAINAGE, SANITARY SEWER & WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS. ACCOUNT NUMBERS 13 40 10 5796 APW01 AND 13 40 10 5796 APW06.**
- 7. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OCTOBER 12, 2021, ITEM VII.B.7 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR WOODARD & CURRAN TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM EVALUATION, GLENDENNING STREET. ACCOUNT NUMBER 13 40 10 5796 APW02.**
- 8. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OCTOBER 12, 2021, ITEM VII.B.8 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR WOODARD & CURRAN TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM EVALUATION, GLENWOOD AVENUE. ACCOUNT NUMBER 13 40 10 5796 APW03.**

9. **TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION DECEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.D.8 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR WOODARD & CURRAN TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH DREAMY HOLLOW/BETTS BROOK AREA-DRAINAGE, SANITARY SERWER, & WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS. ACCOUNT NUMBERS 13 40 10 5796 APW01 AND 13 40 10 5796 APW06.**
10. **TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION FEBRUARY 8, 2022, ITEM VII.C.1 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR TIGHE & BOND INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PROJECT 4177/DRG2022-1 DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR LOCKWOOD LANE & HEATHER LANE STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. ACCOUNT NUMBER 13 40 10 5796 APW04.**
11. **TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.C.4 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR ALMSTEAD TREE AND SHRUB CARE COMPANY LLC FOR THE SUPPLY OF PLANTING TREES AND SHRUBS. ACCOUNT NUMBER 13 40 10 5796 APW08.**

Ms. Valadares reiterated that all of those projects were previously approved by the Public Works Committee and Common Council, and they are just requesting authorization to assign the ARPA account numbers to those projects.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 28, 2007, AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND A. DICESARE ASSOCIATES, P.C., REGARDING THE EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF SERVICES DATE MARCH 30, 2022.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0471
 09 21 4120 5777 C0598**

Ms. Valadares reported on this. They need to add another task order for the consultant on the East Avenue Roadway Improvement Project. TMP would like to make some changes to the original design for traffic lanes and accommodating bike lanes. They will need a design exception with DOT due to the lane width. TMP and DPW are both funding this cost.

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO CONCUR WITH PROJECT AUTHORIZATION CONSTRUCTION LETTER DATED MARCH 30, 2022 AND ISSUED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE PROJECT 102-360 TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES AND INSTALLATION OF DYNAMIC MESSAGE SYSTEMS.**

Mr. Yeosock reported on this. Two (2) of the signals will be on West Avenue, Grace Baptist Church and to replace the traffic signal that was knocked down a couple of years ago. Two (2) on East Avenue, Eversley Street and St. John Street. A bid alternate at Newtown Avenue and Allen Road. The project is 100% funded by the State although it is capped and that is the reason for the bid alternate, in case they exceed the cap and would have to use City funds.

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Young informed the Committee that Sharon Stuart passed away that evening. The Committee took a moment of silence.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. INFORMATION

1. WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM PROGRESS UPDATE

Ms. Valadares gave a presentation on the Walk Bridge Program Progress Update. See attached. Several questions ensued about the project.

UPCOMING PROJECTS Chairwoman Smyth stated that they are arranging a tour of the WWTP, Waste Water Treatment Plant for all of the Committee Members. She said everyone would receive an email invitation soon.

Ms. Young asked about the renaming of Water Street for Sanford Anderson and the renaming for Mary Roman. The renaming of Water Street for Sanford Anderson is still being coordinated with family and should occur in June or July of this year. The renaming for Mary Roman wasn't yet presented to this Committee.

ADJOURNMENT Ms. Shanahan motioned to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD