

Department of Public Works and Environmental Affairs Committee

April 4th, 2016

**Present at Meeting: Jack Farr, DPW Director
George Belcher, Chairman
Bob Ritchie
Regis Foster**

Absent-Gina Fitzpatrick

The meeting was opened at 6 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no public comment.

Director Jack Farr gave his report. Jack discussed the award from the American Water Works Association. Jack also discussed the hydrant flushing and the NIXLE Alerts to let residents know where the flushing is going on. Jack discussed the Orange & Rockland gas line replacement project on East Main Street from Kellogg Avenue to Jersey Avenue; and Kingston Avenue from Beach Road to Hamilton Street and Kingston Avenue from Hamilton Street to the Deerpark Border. Good possibility that this will be done under the sidewalks because it is quicker than tearing up the roadway. Jack advised us that the Blue Hydrants on Hamilton Street have been turned on. The use of these hydrants saves the processed water that costs us money. The water in these hydrants comes straight from the reservoir. Jack discussed plans for the beautification of Orange Square , tree removal, some plantings, new benches and some concrete repair. Jack also discussed the sewer system evaluation study and the possible purchase of our own flow monitoring equipment at a cost of \$10,000 to allow city personnel to do the work instead of outsourcing this part of the project which costs \$50,000-\$60,000. This would be a huge cost savings and the \$10,000 could be part of our \$25,000.

Bob Ritchie asked about a tree on Sussex Street and if it could be straightened up. He also asked about the promenade and the revitalization of downtown so we could draw more people. He asked about the paving of streets and Jack

advised we would do \$200,000-\$250,000 worth of paving. Bob asked about Fowler Street but Jack said the sewer line has to be replaced there. The DPW will also be doing several handicap ramps. Bob asked about the outsourcing of our garbage and recyclable pickups. Jack said that Middletown had been thinking about it but he thought that they had backed off this idea. George asked how many garbage trucks we had and Jack mentioned that we had four. George mentioned that if we outsourced we would have to lay off 5 men and you could not let the garbage trucks sit around doing nothing so you would have to sell them. If we had problems with pickups after we did this what would we do??? Jack stated that if each resident paid for his own garbage pickup we would have all colors of garbage and recyclable containers each residence different.

There was no public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

The next meeting of the DPW Committee will be at 6 PM on May 2nd 2016.