

**Department of Public Works and Environmental Affairs Committee
Minutes of January 4, 2016 Meeting**

In attendance:

**Jack R. Farr, Director
George A. Belcher, Chairman
Regis A. Foster Jr.
Gina Fitzpatrick
Bob Ritchie
Kristin A. Trovei**

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Jack Farr then presented his report to the committee:

The Tri State Bridge/Road Widening Project has been approved for the final design stage. Will go out to bid after approval by NYS DOT. Expect property acquisitions in late 2016 and construction to start in the Spring of 2017.

Water Clarifier at the filtration plant is in full operation. The Director has offered to provide a tour through the plant for the committee .

Christmas tree pickup began on Monday January 4th and will continue. Residents are asked to put their trees out on the front lawn.

Neversink Engine Company pad in front of firehouse has been completed. It will be opened on January 18th so fire Apparatus may be returned to the firehouse from the DPW garage.

Wiring will be done for the 2 additional Matamoras bridge lights. Temporary wiring is there now. Billing for the electricity will be shared with the Boro of Matamoras.

Seimens is installing LED bulbs in the antique street lights in the next few months..

DPW is performing winter maintenance on their trucks. The first snow storm 2 sanders broke down and had to be repaired. The Director suggested that council people suggest to their constituents to put snow in their front yard in stead of putting it on the curb.

Councilmen or women should advise their constituents to call DPW at 858-4001 or after hours the water plant at 858-4009 for any sewer problems. Calling council people only delays any solution to a sewer problem.

Promenade design is in NYS DOTs hands and when approved it will go out to bid possibly for spring construction.

The Director has sent the City Clerk Treasurer add copy to hire three new Employees two for DPW and one for the Recreation Department.

Bob Ritchie inquired about a sinking storm drain on Merritt Place. The Director advised that it had been repaired.

Gina Fitzpatrick advised the director that a storm drain grate was missing on Hamilton Street and had caused her neighbor to have a flat tire.

Kristin Trovei suggested that the City stop pickup of leaves sooner than they do now to relieve employees to do other important work. Kristin also suggested that the City require residents to use paper bags for their leaves instead of plastic so the city employees do not have to spend time emptying the plastic bags and also for workers health and safety.