

# **Department of Public Works and Environmental Affairs Committee**

**February 1, 2016**

## **Present at Meeting:**

**Jack Farr, DPW Director  
George Belcher, Chairman  
Regis Foster**

**Mayor Kelly B. Decker  
Frank Bell  
Stanley Siegel**

**Absent members were Bob Ritchie and 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 repair and final restoration of a 5 foot storm line at the Wagner Place Sewer Project. He discussed a new CDBG grant that was awarded for the Owen Street-Hammond Street sewer project. He also discussed the FEMA 4020 project Which covers the runoff brook repair from Canal Street to Kingston Avenue and the possible City Funding that is needed. He mentioned the Walking to School sidewalk project updates and the public meeting to be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> before the Common Council Meeting. He also discussed his needs for the bond that will be discussed for 2016 which included replacing the in house watertanks at the filtration plant with an inhouse variable speed pump and the DPW needs for equipment and a new building**

**There was a discussion on the sharing of the VAC truck with Middletown. We have to share the repair costs even though we don't have the machine when it gets broke which costs the City thousands of dollars due to the shared services agreement. He suggested buying Middletown out and keeping the VAC truck for ourselves or vice versa and having us buy a new machine.**

**Stanley Siegel asked about the tour of the water treatment plant for the council or the DPW committee possibly on a Saturday morning.**

**There was discussion about the Promenade going out to bid. We talked about the Tri State Road Widening –Neversink Bridge project and the extra cost to us. Frank Bell mentioned that the real estate people have been talking to property owners about the part of their property that would be required for this project and giving the property owners a written diagram of the property needed.**

**Jack also discussed the hiring of full time employees and the number of applications he had and the sidewalks at Skinners Park not being completed.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.**

**The next meeting of the DPW Committee will be at 6 PM on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.**