

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

**June 6th, 2016**

**Present at Meeting: Jack Farr, DPW Director  
George Belcher, Chairman  
Bob Ritchie  
Kristen Trovei  
Stanley Siegel  
Lisa Randazzo Misczuk**

**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 Promenade and gave an update on the bid process. Kristen asked where the money came from. Jack explained about the grant from Sue Kelly. Stan asked about the previous bid letters. Bob thought that the promenade would be helpful in revitalizing the downtown. Stan asked if the fountain could be left out. Jack mentioned the letters that were sent out regarding the flagstone sidewalks that fall in the O&R gas line replacement area. Jack stated that there was only one property owner that did not want to lose his flagstone sidewalk. Jack mentioned the O&R underground electric for storm hardening on Canal Street from the area of 10 Canal Street all the way to the landfill area. Jack discussed the sewer excavation at 40 Kingston Avenue. Bob thought we ought to disseminate more information to the public on what they should not put down the sewer and this might save problems. Jack discussed not renewing the DPW/Water Department bid for uniforms and replacing it with a**

**uniform allowance. There will be a comparison of costs before a decision is made. The work on the underpass is completed. Line striping has started in the City. Pothole and ditch repair is continuing. The employees are working on clean up of city owned and bank owned properties. The Soapbox Derby preparation has begun. Jack stated that there were 3 different overtime slots with a total of 145 to 155 hours overtime involved .Water pump station maintenance is continuing. Streets scheduled for paving are under discussion perhaps including Fowler Street; Hammond Street or Jersey Avenue. Kristen and Stan discussed the leaf pickup and the type of bags to be used. Do we use biodegradeable paper bags or biodegradeable plastic bags. Stan mentioned that there are Echodegradeable or biodegradeable plastic bags available. George mentioned that since the taxpayers had to buy them that the paper bags would be better. Stan said that they should be stored inside until the day of pickup. Should bags become wet and come apart the DPW guys would use shovels to clean up the leaves. The length of time that leaves would be picked up was discussed.**

**Bob brought up the height of the grass at 21 East Broome Street and the abandoned house at the corner of Barcelow and Church Street.**

**There was no public comment.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M..**

**The next DPW meeting will be Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 here in the Council Chambers.**