

**PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY April 10, 2019  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
ROOM 208  
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT**

**Members Present:** Councilman Carl. R. Chisem  
Councilman Sebastian Giuliano  
Councilman Gene Nocera  
Councilman Philip Pessina  
Councilman Vance Cotten

**Staff Present:** William Russo, Director of Public Works  
Christopher M. Holden, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works

**Others:** Jen Tortora, 90 Ribera Lane  
Robert Kronenberger, 132 Ballfall Road  
Elizabeth Kronenberger, 132 Ballfall Road  
Lisa Guarino, 849 Bearhill Road  
Jeff Dahlstrom, 75 Frisbie Street  
Sareth Burgess, 48 Bow Lane  
Jonathan Shaw, 41 Catherine Street  
Bill Shaw, 41 Catherine Street  
Matthew Sarrozzo, 38 Meadow Wood Drive  
Mark Tine, 580 Arbutus Street  
Chris Augeri, 74 Virginia Drive

Chair Nocera opened the Public Works & Facilities Commission meeting at 6:32 P.M. Chair Nocera requested a motion to approve the minutes dated March 10, 2019. Motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Councilman Pessina and approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Chris Augeri of 74 Virginia Drive is in support of the West Street Bridge being named after Captain Joseph Pagano. He states that Joseph's wife is very grateful that they want to honor her husband by naming the West Street Bridge after him. Robert Kronenberger 132 Ballfall Road, Fire Chief of the Middletown Fire Department is in support of naming the West Street Bridge after Captain Joseph Pagano. He states that Captain Joseph was a long time fire fighter that paid the ultimate sacrifice. It's very fitting that it is the closest to the station he served at. Girl Scout Troop 63838, Cadettes from Keigwin School came in to give a presentation on the gaga pit that they would like to build for the community at Crystal Lake. The troop explained how they would fundraise for the materials and would be building the gaga pit themselves. Jonathan Shaw of 41 Catherine Street, Eagle Scout came before the Commission to present an idea to build a Trail Kiosk at the boat launch. The main function for the kiosk is to post information on the Wildlife in the area, a map of the area, rules of the trail, and activities that are taking place. The Eagle Scouts will be fundraising the money to cover the cost for materials.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Girl Scout Troop 63838 -- Director Russo received a proposal for a service project from the Girl Scout Troop 63838 to build a gaga pit at Crystal Lake. The troop gave a presentation to The Public Works & Facilities Commission to seek approval for the project. A motion was made by Councilman Giuliano. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pessina and approved unanimously.
- b. Portland Airline Trail Kiosk- Jonathan Shaw gave a great presentation to build a Trail Kiosk at the boat launch. A motion was made by Councilman Nocera. The motion was seconded by Councilman Giuliano and approved unanimously.
- c. Naming of the West Street Bridge after Captain Joesph Pagano- Director Russo proposed to the Public Works & Facilities Commission to memorialize Captain Joseph Pagano for his ultimate sacrifice by naming the West Street Bridge after him. A motion was made by Councilman Pessina. The motion was seconded by Councilman Giuliano and approved unanimously.
- d. Posting signs and notices on Public Property, fences, posts, and trees- David Bauer has come before the Commission to present an ordinance for posting signs and notices on public property. David is seeking for the ordinance to move forward to the General Counsel for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Giuliano. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cotten and approved unanimously.
- e. 2019 Public Works Budget Director Russo introduced the Budget 2019-2020 to the Commission for review and to answer any questions. Director Russo asked for the budget to move forward to the Budget Hearing. Director Russo stated it was pretty much the same budget with a couple of changes. Further discussion ensued regarding certain changes that have been made for this upcoming year. The Commission commented on how well organized the Budget is setup on paper. They state that it is very easy to read and follow. Director Russo also paid compliments to the staff for all the efforts in compiling the budget.
- f. CIAC Tennis Agreement -- Director Russo asked the Commission to read into the minutes an e-mail from Catherine Lechowicz, Director of Recreation and Community Services. The CIAC field use agreement which Deputy General Counsel Kori Wisneski assisted in writing up, was introduced to the Public Works and Facilities Commission. A one year agreement with the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference for the tennis team to use the facility was drawn up, as part of the contract we asked that a donation be made to The Department of Recreation. The donation of \$1000.00 will help fund 12 weeks' worth of camp for children in need. A motion was made by Councilman Pessina. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cotten and approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. March 2019 Public Works Overtime- The Public Works & Facilities Commission reviewed their March 2019 monthly reports. There were no questions.
- b. March 2019 Building Permits- The Commission reviewed their March 2019 Building Permits. Building continues to be very busy. To date \$589,462 has been collected. It has exceed the expected \$550,000. If permits continue at this pace It can be anticipated to be well above 750.000.

**OTHER:**

- a. March 2019 Monthly Report- Highway Division- The Public Works & Facilities Commission reviewed their March 2019 monthly reports for the Highway Division. Director Russo states that there is road work going on Poplar Road and Goodwin Street
- b. March 2019 Overtime Report-Parks Division -- At this time, there was no Overtime to report for the month of February 2019 available to review for the Parks Division.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

As there was no further discussion, a motion was made to end the meeting by Councilman Pessina. The motion was seconded by Councilman Giuliano and approved unanimously. The Public Works & Facilities Commission meeting adjourned.