

Public Works Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
March 21, 2017

The Seven Devils Public Works Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Town Hall. Present were Chairman Brad Lambert, Vice Chairman George Ehlinger, Members Jack Byrnes, Larry Fontaine, Brady Sasse. Also present were Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge, Town Engineer David Poore and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

CALL TO ORDER

Manager Powers called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Manager Powers opened the floor for nomination of Officers.

Member Fontaine nominated Brad Lambert for re-election to Chairman and Member Ehlinger seconded. The members agreed unanimously.

Member Fontaine nominated George Ehlinger as Vice Chairman and Member Sasse seconded. The members agreed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Fontaine made a motion to adopt the agenda and Chairman Lambert seconded. The members agreed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES – June 21, 2016

Member Fontaine made a motion to adopt the minutes and Chairman Lambert seconded. The members agreed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

State of Public Works in Seven Devils

Director Aldridge reports it has been a mild winter with more than double chat inventory effectively being stored in the new chat building. Also, previous road repairs/pot holes have held throughout the months without issue. Public Works staff has been very efficient with pushing snow and chatting the roads to avert resident complaints.

The feedback on the mailbox reflector program has been positive. More reflectors need to be ordered.

The estimate for completion of the Skyland Water Project is about 2 weeks. It has been progressing well and 5 of 6 road bores are completed. All water samples/ pressure tests have been passed. Overall, a very successful project.

Discussion occurred about the Impact of Expanded Parks Program and attention should be paid to the Time/Cost Efficiency regarding the Public Works staff. Directional signs install and trail maintenance have been handle by Public Works staff. Trail access should be adequate for first responders support. The Town of Seven Devils with support of the Blue Ridge Conservancy has applied for a Recreational Trails Program Grant to extend/build additional trails. The popularity of the Otter Falls has caused parking limitations and will need to be addressed in the future.

Blind Road Analysis & Recommendations

Town Engineer Poore reports the comparison of the March 2017 vs April 2011 Roads Assessment reflects the roads are better based upon the evaluation scoring. This is a result of money being spent on superior repairs.

Discussion occurred about the urgency of road repairs and consideration of budget constraints. **See attached report.**

Member Fontaine made the motion to approve the road projects #1, #3, #6, #13 on the Roads Assessment report of March 2017 at approximately \$75,000, including the ditch line construction on Knob Hill Lane. Member Sasse seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Road Shoulder & Ditch Maintenance

Spring maintenance is in progress.

Discussion about new residents, to making them aware of their responsibility for damages to roads and ditches.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-NONE

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Member Fontaine made a motion to adjourn and Member Sasse seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Brad Lambert, Chairman

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk