

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

ROLL CALL: Chairman Craig Czarnecki called the City of Port Washington Board of Public Works meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room at the City Hall. Members present: Eric Ryer, Jason Wittek, Alderman Mike Ehrlich, Alderman Paul Neumyer, and Alderman Kevin Rudser. Also present were: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, Water Supt. /Commissioner Dave Ewig and Wastewater Supt. Dan Buehler. Absent and excused: None

Chairman's Business: There was none.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION BY ALDERMAN PAUL NEUMYER AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN KEVIN RUDSER to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments/Appearances: There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

A. Consider Beach Access Improvements at WWTP and Consultant Selection: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item. He stated that in 1948, when the City's first Water Filtration Plant was constructed, the shoreline was approximately 140' east of the building. In 1956, the City of Port Washington constructed its first WWTP in its present location between Upper and Lower Lake Park with the shoreline at an ample distance. In the years that followed, continuous erosion caused by rising lake levels prompted the City to reinforce the shoreline with heavy riprap from Jackson Street to the south side of the WWTP in 1987. This effectively eliminated what was left of the City's only public beach. In 1992, the reconstruction and expansion of the WWTP reclaimed a portion of the lakebed and reinforced the shoreline for the length of the plant with heavy riprap. As lake levels reached recorded highs, the beach north of the WWTP became virtually non-existent. Since the late 1990's dropping lake levels have revealed a beach on the north side of the WWTP that has increased in popularity over time. There are 3 means of access to the North Beach, none of which are ADA compliant. The stairs from Upper Lake Park, built in 2007, are popular but challenging to small children and older adults. The pathway on the west side of the WWTP also has stairs and is only open during limited hours. The walkway on the east side of the WWTP has no stairs, but is only 5' wide, is encumbered by numerous light poles, is a longer route than the west side walkway, is poorly identified, difficult to find, and generally something most people are forced to endure rather than enjoy. Given that in 1992 there was little reason for anyone to walk north of the WWTP, it is understandable that a desirable walkway was apparently not given strong consideration during the plant's reconstruction/expansion. Twenty years later, as the popularity of the beach increases, the time has come to address the eastern access way and the relationship between the WWTP, the parks, the marina, and the Harbor Walk. City Engineer Vanden Noven reviewed the RFP's with the Board Members. He reviewed the proposed improvements and beach access. The Board Members discussed the gateways, fencing, walkways and possible murals for the tanks. Also discussed was access for police and emergency vehicles. The Wastewater Utility has budgeted \$250,000 for paving, lighting, landscaping, and fencing improvements (including design). Other improvements, such as murals, gateway features, and other decorative elements may require additional funding from sources such as TIF, the Parks/Open Spaces Fund, PW Tourism, private

donations from individuals or service organizations. **MOTION BY ALDERMAN KEVIN RUDSER AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MIKE EHRLICH to recommend to the Common Council to approve pursuing the improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to approve Clark-Dietz/SAA as project consultant with the Design Charrette. Motion carried unanimously.**

Project Updates:

A. 2013 Sidewalk Replacement Project: City Engineering Vanden Noven stated that Thursday, November 14, 2013 is the last day of the 2013 Sidewalk Replacement Project for this year. With the weather getting colder, TP Concrete will finish up for this year. They are about 2/3 complete with this project and will finish it in spring of 2014.

9. Forthcoming Events: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY ALDERMAN PAUL NEUMYER AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN KEVIN RUDSER to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.