

CITY OF SHELTON

Public Improvement Building Committee Regular Meeting November 13, 2017 **BOE Administrative Office ~ Conference Room A**

Chairman Bernie Simons called the meeting of the Public Improvement Building Committee to order at 6:32 pm.

The committee said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present - Bill Banfe, Francis MacIlvain, Brian Lampart, James Oraziotti, Eugene Kierce and Bernard Simons. Absent – Beth Gabriel. Quorum: 6 present, 1 absent.

Also in attendance were Gary DeFillipo, project manager, BOE Maintenance Supervisor John Calhoun, BOE Finance Director Ed Drapp, Fran Jones, Fire Chief and Harold Price, Superintendent Intern.

Chairman Simons asked if anyone from the public would like to speak three (3) times. There were none.

A motion was made by Francis MacIlvain to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2017 meeting, seconded by Bill Banfe, vote 5-0-1, motion carried.

Sunnyside School Roof Project Update:

Gary DeFilippo updated the Committee on the progress of the roof at Sunnyside School. He informed the committee that the roof replacement is complete. There are a few areas of trim that need to be finished. The canopy is in the process of being complete, but because of the weather it has been delayed to this weekend.

Gary said he was very pleased with the progress and work performed. The owners were on site every day, and there were no change orders. It was also noted that Silver Petrucelli, in addition to Young Developers, was very responsive and easy to work with. Everything should be closed out next month.

He did, however, find some stress cracks in the brick, which seems attributed to previous work. They are looking into these cracks.

Website Information:

Vice Chairman MacIlvain was contacted by Jane Dowty at City Hall requesting to add the Committee's contact information to the City's website. It was decided that member's names and email address only would be available. Francis will forward the requested information.

A motion was made by Francis MacIlvain to put PIBC members' names and emails only on the City of Shelton website, seconded by Jim Oraziotti, vote 6-0, motion carried.

Special Committees:

A motion was made by Francis MacIlvain to approve the clerical invoice for \$143.84, seconded by Brian Lampart, vote 6-0, motion carried.

Shelton High School Football Field Turf resurfacing:

Bill Banfe looked into the previous turf project in the old files at the Administrative Offices. He reported that the project was overseen by the Goodwill Industries, a nonprofit organization. The project was started by ForeverGreen in the spring/summer 2003, but ForeverGreen was taken over by ProGreen.

The field was completed in November 2003, but only the football field, not the D-zones. The D-zones, which is the area where the long jump and shot put pits are, were installed in the spring 2004. There was a 10-year warrantee on the field, however there was a disagreement regarding when the warrantee began, due to the start date on the usage of the field. The life expectancy at the time on these fields was 10-12 year. It has been 14 years for this field. Chairman Simons inquired about the life expectancy of the current fields. Bill said still 10-12 years. With proper underground preparation, that can be increased to up to 20. Underground prep is key.

Bill Banfe supplied a map of the field to the members showing the area of unsuitable soil. The area was previously filled in with decaying material and clay substance. This material was replaced, and a drainage blanked was installed. After completion in 2004, a preventative maintenance agreement was required or the warrantee would have been voided, but the City did not purchase it. However, the BOE was able to handle some of the maintenance themselves, and the warrantee was not voided.

He also reported that a trench was supposedly installed in the upper baseball field that was installed to divert water away from coming down under the football field, but it does not seem to work. He has not found evidence that it was actually installed. There a constant source of underground water from the hill. It can be heard running in the storm drains.

There was also discussion regarding the vehicles driving on the track. Vehicles driving and parking on the track has contributed to the deterioration of the track area. It was suggested that there be additional larger gates for getting equipment in, or building a "bridge" for vehicles to drive over the track. Gary pointed out that almost all fields have the track around the outside, and suggested looking into how other schools handle this issue. It was also suggested that perhaps the track could be moved to another location.

When the field was installed, the track was not part of the original plan. The track was added later. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the track should be replaced at the same time as the field.

New Business:

Chairman Simons introduced Fran Jones, Shelton Fire Chief. Chief Jones reported that the Board of Alderman voted to move forward with the Request for Qualifications. There were seven (7) firms that responded. One of the requirements was that the firms had experience with building fire stations. Chairman Simons said that he will obtain the responses from Gene Sullivan, purchasing agent from City Hall.

Jim Oraziatti asked Chief Jones if there was a site selected for the new Echo Hose. Chief Jones responded that it would be built on the former Mas property abutting Bridgeport Avenue, where the continuation of Constitution Boulevard is going to be.

There was discussion regarding what was needed as far as design, timing and which project would take precedence. Chief Jones would like to see a mechanics facility on the new site, as well as centralizing the Chief, Fire Marshal and Assistant Chief.

Chairman Simons requested Chief Jones provide the qualification books from the firms for the next meeting. He also informed the committee that he will contact Gene Sullivan, as well as the Mayor to get more information on the project. He also said that he would like the firms to give a rough estimate of the cost for the projects.

Chairman Simons suggested that Chief Jones assign a few men to attend the meetings to share in the planning and providing input. It was also suggested that Chief Jones speak to Fire Departments that have used the firms that have responded and get their input on the work performed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Gene Keirce, seconded by Francis MacIlvain, vote 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Coppola ~ Recording Secretary

November 16, 2017