

**Town of Montville Public Works Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2009
Council Meeting Room – 6:15 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Radgowski called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Present were Councilors Buebendorf, Murphy and Radgowski. Also present was Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Murphy to approve the previous meeting minutes. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.
5. **Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda** – none.
6. **Communications** – none.
7. **Old Business**
 1. **Update Bridges** – Don Bourdeau stated there is nothing new to discuss since the Council meeting. A discussion was held regarding the State overseeing the money for the bridges.
 2. **Un-Named Road between Depot Road and Pink Row** – Don Bourdeau stated there is nothing to report regarding this item but he will keep it on the agenda for future discussion.
 3. **Update on Road Repairs/Paving** – Don Bourdeau stated he hopes there will be no cuts to this budget this year as there is a lot of roads in need of repair and/or paving this year. He indicated if the Town keeps putting off the needed repairs it is going to cost much more in the long run. He stated it is cheaper to maintain the roads on a regular basis and make minor repairs as need than to reconstruct the whole road once it is too late. He understands it is difficult for people to understand why the roads that are not in the worst shape are getting attention, but he stated it is cost effective in the long run. He discussed the need to replace old rotted metal pipes with concrete or plastic that will last longer. A discussion was held regarding micro-paving. Don Bourdeau stated this alternative to paving the roads makes the surface smoother to drive on and is a cheaper alternative but is really just a heavy duty driveway sealer and does not last very long. He stated some streets are a good candidate for micro-paving while others are so far gone they need to be re-paved. He stated if jobs are done right the first time, it costs more but is less costly in the long run.

8. **New Business**

1. **Update Sand and Salt Budget** - Don Bourdeau indicated they are currently over budget with all of the bad weather the Town has experienced to date. He stated with more bad weather coming this number will grow. He stated over the past years he has come in at or under budget. A discussion was held regarding the great job the plow drivers do during the storms. Don Bourdeau stated it is a tough job and they do the best job they can to keep the roads cleared.

2. **Update on Trails** – Don Bourdeau indicated the project is 95% complete. He indicated the benches are in place and the area around the pond has been cleaned up. He discussed the anticipated reimbursement from a grant for this project. A discussion was held regarding forming a Camp Oakdale Committee.

3. **Fitch Hill Road** – Don Bourdeau discussed the water drainage issue, stating the catch basin fills with water and then overflows into the street becoming a safety issue. He hopes to get easements from property owners to drain the water away from the road and alleviate the problem. He stated the easements will also allow the Town to work on the property to maintain the pipes.

9. **Remarks from the Public** – none.

10. **Remarks from the Committee** – none.

11. **Adjournment** – Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 3-0. all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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