

CITY OF NORWICH
PUBLIC SAFETY / PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6 PM
May 25, 2006

Present:

Ald. A. Anthony Abraham
Ald. Terry Bresina
Ald. Suzanne Williams

Also:

DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Finance Director William Roberts
Police Chief Angelino
Fire Chief Tighe
Assistant Police Chief Dale Smith
EMO A. Jones
Planning & CD Admin. Asst. Amy Donnison
Planning & CD Specialist Todd Dreyer
Deputy Clerk Darlene Colaso

Committee Chair Alderman Abraham presided at the Public Works/Public Safety Committee meeting held at 6:01 PM on May 25, 2006, at the Public Works Highway Garage on Hale Street in Norwich.

Approval of Minutes

Ald. Williams **moved** to approve minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Ald. Bresina.

Visitors (none)

Department Head Reports

Police Chief

Closest Car Update

Police Chief Joseph Angelino reported that in early March he had been to a meeting at the Sheriff's office where they discussed the "Closest Car" MOU (memo of understanding) that the Sheriff has everyone signing on to. The original paperwork distributed was in draft form and he has recently provided the one he would sign. He stated that he will be signing this, as it takes into account the way they operate their Police Department and it is in the best interests of the City.

A brief discussion ensued and Angelino stated that the MOU also states that if we cannot respond (within the City) that we will ask for help. Ald. Williams confirmed that Angelino was happy with the final result. Angelino stated that the MOU outlines how different priority calls are handled. Again, Norwich will respond only in Norwich and call for help if needed.

Ald. Bresina **moved** to approve Angelino signing the MOU. Seconded by Ald. Williams, and duly adopted, ayes all.

Relay for Life

Angelino reported that traffic control would be needed for the Relay for Life endorsed by the Cancer Society, on July 14th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Ald. Williams asked if this would be an on-duty officer and Angelino stated that it would be.

Ald. Bresina **moved** to approve and further recommend the Relay for Life run to the Common Council for approval. Seconded by Ald. Williams, and duly adopted, ayes all.

Prentice Street Temporary Closing

Angelino reported that the Police Department learned today and over the past few days just how important Prentice Street really is, as it was backed up Route 12 to beyond the State Police barracks while it was closed down for railroad work (railroad ties under the pavement).

Father's Day Fireworks

There's going to be another set of fireworks on June 18th at the fairgrounds in honor of Father's Day, sponsored by Smith Ford, LLC.

Possible Arrow on Hale and South Broad Street

Ald. Abraham inquired if Angelino was still looking into the traffic arrow on Hale Street and South Broad Street. Angelino responded that he spoke with Mike at DOT today and that he may need to forward some information down to the local resident engineer, but he is on top of it.

Fire Chief

Garbage Container Ordinance

Chief Tighe reported that he distributed proposed changes to the garbage and rubbish ordinance and that this came from the Multi-Family Task Force. He noted that under the ordinance in red (the proposed additions are in red ink) the Task Force is recommending you pass the ordinance stating that the landlords must supply suitable-size trash containers for every unit. He stated that one of the biggest issues he hears about from multi-family complainants is problems with the garbage and trash. Ald. Abraham asked who would notify the landlords? Tighe responded that the Task Force would handle the notifications. Once the Committee and Council approves this, the sample letter (distributed) would be mailed out to landlords.

Ald. Bresina **moved** to recommend the proposed garbage ordinance additions to the Common Council. Seconded by Ald. Williams, and duly adopted, ayes all.

Prior to the vote, Ald. Abraham asked about penalties for non-compliance. Tighe responded that it is a minimum of \$50 per unit, per offense and the maximum is at the judge's discretion. A brief discussion ensued as to courtesy notices and Ald. Abraham expressed concern over loose garbage bag issues being addressed (in this ordinance). Chief Tighe stated that the ordinance took care of all garbage not placed in sealed containers, as well as recommending suitable size units. Ald. Williams confirmed that fines were aimed at the landlords. She then asked, what if the landlord provides the receptacles, but they are not used. A brief discussion ensued and Roberts stated that generally the landlord is responsible for the property and the responsibility will fall on him/her. Chief Tighe stated that we would not fine people but warn them first. He added that it was discretionary enforcement. He noted that something like the day after Christmas when there's an abundance of Christmas wrap may be an exception.

Rental Registry Ordinance

Chief Tighe reported that the documents for the Rental Registry Ordinance handed out this evening (Rental Registration Information, the Rental Registry Ordinance, and the letter to the property homeowner explaining the program) were all new and, with this Committee's approval, would be distributed to the rest of the Council for review. Chief Tighe stated that the question and answer form would really sum up the program. He recommended that the Committee decide whether they would like to place this on the work session agenda to discuss with full council. Ald. Abraham requested that, because it is so important, this ordinance proposal be placed on the work session agenda. Ald. Bresina asked if the City Attorney had a copy of the documents and Deputy Clerk Colaso stated that he did. Ald. Williams suggested that it go before the Finance/Personnel Committee prior to being placed on the work session agenda. Chief Tighe stated that this is a program that Buffalo has implemented for more than three years and that it has been tested and tried and has held up to challenges. He stated that as a legal document, we did not reinvent the wheel, it was a solid ordinance that we borrowed (with their approval) from Buffalo. Ald. Abraham asked if there were provisions that dealt with dilapidated homes and Tighe answered that there were. He stated that this program would solve a great deal of the problems associated with multi-unit housing, for example, determining the property owner and/or the agent responsible, particularly in the event of an emergency.

A brief discussion ensued as to defining the parameters for agents and Ald. Williams asked if there was any additional authority for Code Enforcement to gain access to a property owner's home, and asked for clarification as to whether this was just the non-owner occupied dwellings of two or more. Chief Tighe responded that there was authority to support those entries into the interior of the units and that it applied to all non-owner occupied units. Ald. Williams asked for the specific section that spoke to this and Chief Tighe responded that §264.14 addressed part of it and stated that it gives you a whole list of how we can go in there. Ald. Williams asked how we can just do this and Deputy Clerk Colaso stated that it cannot happen unless the Council decides to codify the ordinance. Ald. Abraham stated that they would need time to digest the information. Roberts stated that he and Tighe had an earlier meeting this afternoon regarding the problems with trying to expedite this kind of program and noted that it may take more time, but we should if it means doing it properly. He mentioned the fact that we have limited resources personnel-wise to handle the project. Roberts said that what should drive it is not a time deadline, what should drive it is doing it correctly. Ald. Abraham stated that the important thing was that it has been started. Tighe commented that it is qualifying our moratorium. Additionally, Tighe pointed out that there is a letter to the property owners that accompanies the documents handed out this evening.

Tighe stated that he would like the Committee to pass it on to the Council members and take some time to review. Ald. Abraham complimented the Task Force on the hard work done in completing the program.

Capital Equipment Replacement Plan

Chief Tighe distributed some numbers and reported that the numbers represented were based on the ambulance quotes and a leasing package that was put together. He added that there is a 10-year phased-in replacement plan. He stated that this is just a schedule representing two-phases, five years at each time: Three trucks now that would be replaced using the Capital Reserve funds to make payments and slowly bring up what we're putting into Capital Reserves to make payment on the apparatus.

Tighe stated, upon the Committee's approval, he would like to go out and get bids so he can deal in hard numbers. Tighe stated there are three factors for wanting hard numbers: 1) the condition of apparatus, which we went over last month, 2) the interest rates (it's all about getting the bids out and keeping the interest rate down like we did on the ambulance), and 3) there are significant changes in the emission control requirements coming soon – Tighe added that as of January 1, 2007, these same trucks will run \$25,000 more. Most manufacturer's are not going to take orders for 2006 engines after September 1, 2006. If we buy three trucks, that's \$75,000, which is a 10% addition to the project.

Ivarson added that before you go out to bid you're required to have the available funds to pay for the equipment. Ald. Abraham stated that that was his question, what about the money (i.e., is it available). Tighe stated that you have to have the ability to pay and Ivarson concurred. Tighe said the sheet distributed, proves we could do it – adding that they currently have \$573,000. Ald. Abraham stated that Tighe reported that one truck alone would cost \$500,000, thus dropping the reserves to ~\$73,000.

Roberts replied to Ald. Abraham by noting that they would use a financing lease where you lease the equipment, and then at the end of the five year term you own that equipment. The purpose of that type of lease is simply another was to finance the purchase versus an operating lease where you turn in the equipment at the end. Roberts added that this spreads the financial impact over five years instead of using up the reserves all at once. He noted that the schedule in front of everyone, one he went over with John this afternoon, will draw the reserves down each year and at the same time, we'll use what we've budgeted towards feeding the Capital Reserves: We'll use that toward paying the lease payment and combining those sources, it demonstrates the ability to pay. Now, long term, the reality is that there is a certain risk. It's reasonable to project that we have the ability to pay for this equipment going forward. Ald. Abraham asked how much the payments are going to be the first year on the vehicles we are purchasing, and Tighe

responded \$193,000 annually on the three vehicles (which are replacing the four vehicles). Ald. Abraham then inquired as to where the money is coming from and Tighe responded that it's a combination of what Roberts just stated, that some of it would come from the Capital Reserves and some out of the budgeted reserves we already have for equipment. Tighe asked theoretically "How do we get to where we need to be without spending \$850,000 in cash?" He answered that by stating that how we get there is by spending \$193,000 annually over a five-year period and using the combined sources. Ald. Williams asked why we would do this rather than bonding? Roberts stated that bonding is very expensive. He said that the interest rate wouldn't be terribly different, but what's required on the front-end costs: Particularly the bond counsel and legal fees, and the financial advisor's roles cost when they have to put together, what's tantamount to a prospectus, for the bonded debt it gets really expensive. Roberts added that it's another whole bidding process in and of itself, to get bids from different institutions on buying bonds.

Ald. Williams asked whether the trucks were standard or custom and Tighe responded that two would be standard and one (pumper-tanker) would be considered custom. Ald. Williams stated then two of the vehicles would be here fairly soon, but Tighe stated that we wouldn't see them until probably after the first of the year. Ald. Abraham asked where the money from the existing fire trucks would go after they were sold? Tighe stated that they would sell them and put that money back into the Capital Reserves. Tighe added that he did not factor that into the number sheet he distributed this evening, as we don't know what we're going to get until we sell them (and he did not want to deal in unknowns). Ald. Abraham stated that there must be a ballpark number and Ivarson responded that it's probably about \$20,000 and that was why he didn't want to repair them (they all need repair). Roberts noted that from a practical perspective there's viability to go out to bid now. That being said, Roberts added that there's always some risk involved and by no means will this be a simple process. It's not going to be easy, but the dilemma is the maintenance issue involved and he'd like Ivarson to speak to that. Roberts added that we're between a rock and a hard place.

A brief discussion ensued as to the safety of the vehicles and Ivarson assured the Committee that any unsafe vehicles have been red-tagged: He added that they do not allow anyone to drive unsafe vehicles. He also noted that these Fire Department trucks are not worth the maintenance costs. Ivarson also wanted to know how the Fire Department's funding need would impact DPW's equipment needs? Roberts replied that DPW's needs cannot be compromised by the Fire Department needs adding that we're talking about the General Fund here, the City needs to consider a similar replacement plan for DPW. Roberts noted that highway equipment had \$150,000 in Capital Reserves at the end of last year.

Ivarson stated the fire vehicles have got to be replaced. He also noted that despite that, he also has DPW vehicles that are 16-20 years old that he cannot keep running anymore. Ivarson is worried about having a payment that's \$350,000 (including his) that we're not going to be able to cover. Ivarson stated that that's not even enough to get half a sweeper: Ivarson needs to replace the 16-year old sweeping truck (~\$250,000) and the 23 year-old flusher truck (~\$350,000) - adding that the Committee should walk out to the garage after the meeting to see the recently obtained vehicles, which he saved ~\$30,000 on. Ivarson stated that while John needs these vehicles, he's going to have to start putting money away, which they have not done in the past, because it keeps getting pushed out of the budget. Roberts added that the City cannot operate without a flusher truck. Ivarson stated in the last three years, he has spend \$30,000 on that vehicle, just to keep it going.

Ald. Abraham asked if Tighe truly needed three vehicles and Ivarson spoke to the fact that the vehicles have been kept too long, and are in such bad shape that they are costing an exorbitant amount in maintenance costs. He would rather red-tag vehicles worth \$25,000 if he has to put \$20,000 into them. Ald. Abraham asked for clarification from Ivarson that there was no other way than purchasing the three vehicles. Ivarson responded that we're putting money right down the drain in maintenance costs. Ald. Abraham asked if all three of them were that bad and Ivarson responded they are that bad. A brief discussion ensued about the condition of certain

vehicles. Iverson stated that the problem is that they have simply kept equipment too long. Ald. Abraham recommended that they forward this issue onto the Finance/Personnel Committee.

Ald. Williams **moved** to recommend forwarding the Capital Equipment Replacement Plan to the full Council for review and approval. Seconded by Ald. Bresina and duly adopted, ayes all.

Use of the Fire Station by the Norwich Community Band

Fire Chief Tighe reported that the Norwich City Band just requested use of the park gazebo and that they have also put in a request that they be allowed to utilize the Fire Department on rainy Friday nights (between July and August) during their concert series. Tighe stated that he had no problems moving a few vehicles out to accommodate them performing in the fire station. Roberts noted that one of the original concepts when the Fire House was built, was the idea that it would serve double duty as a Community Center.

Ald. Bresina **moved** to approve the request for the Norwich City Band to utilize the Fire Station on rainy evenings. Seconded by Ald. Williams, and duly adopted, ayes all.

Fundraising Update

Fire Chief Tighe reported that the volunteers are still working on the fundraising research and they are taking some steps with the tables and chairs project. Internally, they are going to buy some tables and chairs, so that they can hold pancake suppers and things of that nature in the firehouse. Ald. Abraham asked if the volunteers have accepted the fact that they need to help with some of these high-priced vehicles we're buying? Tighe responded that they absolutely have. He added that the volunteers are feeling the pinch a little bit already, as they will not be filling pools this year (i.e., to raise money), as the tanker is not in good enough shape to be doing that. Tighe noted that they're on-board with trying to find ways to fundraise. Ald. Abraham asked if that includes considering holding BINGO and Tighe responded that there is a small committee of them out searching BINGO options. Ald. Abraham stated that this discussion has been going on for several months now and it would be nice if they could get something constructive for the next meeting. Chief Tighe explained that NYCOM gave advice that they should not be forcing the volunteers to fundraise; that it has to be their own decision. Tighe said we can ask them, but we cannot make them fundraise. Ald. Abraham stated that Jim Foulston knows that no one is twisting his arm: Foulston has had a request and that's all it is. If they can't do it or don't want to do it, that's the end of it. Tighe stated that he thinks they do want to. Ald. Abraham stated that we are in dire circumstances and we have to do something.

Stand-In on Fires

Ald. Abraham wanted to ask Chief Tighe how many people are called to stand-in when there is a fire and Chief Tighe responded that he calls everyone. Ald. Abraham wanted to confirm that Tighe does not pick several fire fighter's to stand by as needed and Tighe stated that they bring everyone in. Tighe stated that when they have report of a fire, they call every fire fighter, including volunteers.

Fire Department Monthly Reports

Ald. Abraham asked whether or not there was any reason why he was not receiving Fire Department Reports, like the ones he receives from the Police Department. Tighe responded that they are supposed to be distributed and that it was supposed to be started this month. He stated that he will get all the calls the FD went on, all the Codes issues, etc. He stated that it didn't get done this month and he extended his apologies, adding that he will get it to them – they got printed, but they didn't get distributed. He noted that while he was handling the new Fire Station, he had no time to complete the reports. Ald. Abraham stated that he knows he receives some printouts, but that they did not contain the detail needed. Tighe responded that he felt the printouts for the overtime were very explicit: He said you have to go by the key, but it gets into great detail on reasons for overtime. Ald. Abraham asked if those were in the works and Tighe said they get done, they just haven't been getting to you, but he will make sure they receive the

monthly reports.

DPW Superintendent

Manpower

Ivarson reported that currently, he needs four people in Public Works, adding that an MEO I that has been out since November, has recently tendered his resignation.

Ivarson added that he just finished two and a half days of training where they discussed manpower shortages that have been taking place throughout the state – and actually throughout the country, as there were some people from Oklahoma and California and other states there as well. He said he brought job announcements and job descriptions to distribute, as there were over 500 operators (over 800 people) at the training, and he received zero bites on the openings. The general feedback regarding the positions he has available is that the pay is way too low. Ivarson stated that there's nothing he can do about that, as it's a negotiated contract and I don't remember when their contract runs out (he believes either 2008 or 2009), but this is going to be a problem.

Curb Cut, 12 Chenango Ave.

We've already taken care of that, so that's done.

Radio Bid

Ivarson reported that he received radio bid comments from EMO A. Jones, the Fire Chief, and Police Chief, and he forwarded them on to the people who write their specifications. He stated that he tried to open his email before he arrived, but it was down, so he will get to it tomorrow.

Budgets 2007

Ivarson stated that he is looking for input from Committee members as to what they think he should do regarding the Public Works budget for 2007. He has included in his 2007 budget, a street sweeper which will cost ~\$250,000. Ald. Abraham asked whether we would lease or pay? Ivarson stated that there wouldn't be too many options for leasing a sweeper, as the wear and tear on that type of vehicle is extraordinary (i.e., it's all dirt and rocks that go through the machine).

RBC Replacement

Ivarson reported that he has been babying the RBC, but there are two that are failing on the shafts and with our luck, they're both on different trains. There's three trains there and I cannot shut-down one RBC, and run the others as they are closed perpendicular, and he'd never be able to turn that RBC, because of the growth growing on it. He had had a couple people come out and look at it and looks like to repair one of them is ~\$13-14,000. Ivarson reported that this is something that that must get done. He also noted that the repair is only good for 18 months and by that time, he will have to replace it. Ivarson reported that the replacement cost for one RBC is ~\$89,000. He went down inside and inspected the RBC's and it's the ends where we lost our media and I have them sending quotes on that. Ivarson spoke to some technical people when he was up in Buffalo too and was able to discuss who's going to do what, where, and when. Ivarson asked for a motion to forward the request to the Finance/Personnel Committee for the ability to take out ~\$14,000 from the Sewer Equipment Reserves for the repair of RBC.

Ald. Williams **moved** to approve the \$14,000 repair and to forward to the Finance/ Personnel Committee for review. Seconded by Ald. Abraham and duly adopted, ayes all.

Prior to the vote, Ivarson added he hasn't gotten into that second RBC and when he does, he'll be able to come back and report on that one.

Third Floor at 31 East Main St.

Ivarson noted that he's had the engineers up there and they have been working on the third floor. He stated that one thing he needs is the layout from those working on the floor plan: Just a

general layout, so he will have an idea of what's needed as far as electrical. He needs to determine where the boxes will go, so he can set up some home runs, which will branch off to the various areas.

Roberts stated that the Mayor asked Roberts and DeForest to go to the third floor and check the layout. Then the Mayor had Jim Pierce from Delaware Engineering come over yesterday and he went over that with DeForest, so he suggested that Ivarson needed to get updated on what has transpired so far. Roberts added that he thinks he knows pretty much now what the layout will be. Ald. Abraham stated the Mayor informed him that Roberts and DeForest will have the most say in the layout and set-up since they are the people who have to work in it. Ald. Abraham stated that he was sure Ivarson would have some input, but that Bill and Deborah (Roberts and DeForest) would have the final say.

Ald. Abraham added that there are still items on the third floor that need to be removed. Ivarson reported that there were still items up there and Ald. Abraham directed the question to Tighe, making another request that the items be removed by the next meeting (next month). Chief Tighe stated that the fire fighter's are sorting it out, but they can't decide what to do with it. Tighe noted that they have the container at the firehouse now and if Ivarson says they have to move it immediately, then they will do it. Ald. Abraham said that he doesn't need it out tomorrow, but that he would appreciate it very much if he could make arrangements by the next meeting to have it out (one month). Tighe responded that he'll tell them to have it out, and if they don't then he'll move it: When you want it out, it's out. Tighe asked "How long have we given them? A lot of time."

Ivarson asked Roberts how many people are in a specific 30-foot area so he can drop lines in through the walls. Ald. Abraham asked Roberts to address this with Carl.

Phone Line vs. Radio Communication

Ivarson reported that this is the skater system communications, not portable radio communications: We use phone lines for this. Over the years, we have had numerous problems with the phone lines. The radio communications that they have now have become extremely reliable for line of sight. What Ivarson is looking at right now is probably having radio communications from all remote sites to either Borden Avenue or the Waste Water Treatment Plant. That will be everything that the City owns, but nothing that the town owns. It will also allow us to get some communications up to the chemical house up at the lower reservoir, as they have none right now. As soon as I get that, I'll probably be bringing that to you next month.

Prior to moving onto the EMO report, Roberts stated that Tomaselli is currently working on wide area wireless network possibilities.

Ald. Abraham reminded the Committee that he, Ivarson, and Mayor Raphael will be meeting with Congressman Boehlert on June 1st, regarding requesting a new filter plant. He stated that Ivarson is putting together a presentation and that the filter plant would be requested under the Clean Water Act, so they can obtain federal funding. Ald. Abraham added that the filter plant was originally built in 1902 and that it is in very dilapidated shape.

EMO

StormReady Site Visit

Emergency Management Officer A. Jones reported that on May 3rd the National Weather Service representatives came up, along with two people from Otsego County Emergency Management, and conducted a site visit. This was performed at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) in order to obtain StormReady renewal. Everything passed with flying colors and the inspectors were very impressed. Since the last renewal, which was three years ago additional capabilities were added (such as the email letter alerts, the TV station, etc.) and they were very impressed with our capability of being able to get weather information out to the public. Our application is now at the statewide committee and we are just waiting for final approval: They will come to a Council meeting to present our renewal.

FEMA Scope Change Request for Dam

Jones reported that he and Roberts met to go over all the payments they received related to the April 2005 flooding. They are pretty much up to date on everything. There are a couple of things he's working on and he is putting together a package on the WWTP (Waste Water treatment Plant) to obtain payment for that. He submitted paperwork for a scope change for the removal of the Canasawacta Dam. He did speak with them today and they do have it and they're reviewing it. It will be forwarded onto FEMA to see what we can do: We're moving along on those projects.

Ivarson asked if the WWTP from FEMA is the \$25,000 deductible on the insurance and Jones responded that it was, however he added that a portion paid may have been paid already, so we may end up giving them back a bit of money, but we have to check on that. Ivarson added that in regard to the FEMA NIMS (National Incident Management System) program, there are still some people at DPW need to be trained in order to comply and wanted to know when they could set something up. Ivarson suggested just setting up a class to teach NIMS to DPW staff (it is due by October of this year). Jones stated that he could teach a Compliance 700 class at minimum in order to get this in by October. Jones has been putting a list of employee staff names together to determine who is considered a responder, etc., and see if there are additional requirements. Jones noted that Ivarson or Mark Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, might need additional classes at some point.

Community Development

Street Naming Policy Update

Planning and Community Development Administrative Assistant Amy Donnison, stated that there were two changes made to properly revise the Street Naming Policy presented at last month's PS/PW Committee meeting. The changes made were: 1) the penalties (to conform to the Charter's fines and penalties) and 2) the recommendation made by Police Chief Angelino as to numbering the individual entrances in multiple units with A-B-C or 1-2-3, to make the individual units more easily identifiable.

Donnison suggested that the penalty section read "fines ... maximum allowable by law" and Ivarson asked Roberts if someone was working on the Norwich City Charter. Donnison and Roberts replied that General Code Publishers was handling compilation of the codes, the Charter, and that it would be condensed, reviewed and edited including all the new ordinances and laws that have been adopted to date. The end result will be a compilation and will include all updates to date.

Update on Funding for Hosbach Trail Bridge

Planning and Community Development Specialist, Todd Dreyer, reminded the Committee that Dr. Holmes proposed a bridge over the Canasawacta. At the suggestion of Ald. Bresina and Police Chief Joseph Angelino there's a possibility of a military engineering unit to perhaps design and install the bridge. Dreyer was asked by the Committee to follow up on that, which he did. He contacted the Commander of the 204th Engineer Battalion located in Binghamton and was told that his unit does frequently handle community-oriented construction projects and directed Dreyer to his Master Sergeant. The Master Sergeant informed Dreyer that while they do perform such services, their scheduling is pretty tight, and that they likely could not schedule this for approximately one year. Dreyer indicated that there was no real pressure from our end to get it done quickly. The Master Sergeant indicated that they do not do any type of design work, he did however ask about coming up in early July to recon the site.

Ald. Abraham asked to be notified, as he would like to be present for such a visit. Dreyer stated that of course Ivarson would be invited. Ivarson asked Dreyer, about when they say they don't do design, will they at least submit a drawing of the bridge that they're proposing. Dreyer stated that we would work with an engineer, and that Dreyer had spoken to one from the NYS Bridge Authority, as he wanted to get some preliminaries out of the way. He asked the engineer

if (1) we could do a free-span bridge, (2) can it be done for a reasonable amount, and (3) can whatever is designed be something that this engineering unit may install? There are certain limitations as far as their equipment is concerned, for example they have a truck crane with the maximum lifting capacity of 22 tons. Ivarson stated that that the capacity of the equipment was very light. Dreyer spoke with the engineer regarding that capacity and he has not indicated that that is insurmountable.

Dreyer has spoken with Jean Eganhoffer of the Office of Parks and Recreation and he noted that one of the nice aspects of having the guard do this job is not only do we get the value of their labor, but we can apply that as a portion of a match – in regard to the state grant (for \$37,000) the City has to match the amount on a 2-1 basis in either cash or services. The labor from the guard can be used to meet that in-kind services requirement, however that must be calculated at the minimum wage rate. Dreyer stated that they would probably have an abundance of people there and that the rate could add up quite quickly.

Ald. Abraham asked if this took into consideration the bridge given to us? Ivarson stated that the bridge wouldn't fit, as it's 115-feet and the span needed for the current project span is 140-feet, so we're starting from scratch. Dreyer added that there are some steel fabricating firms in the area. He has contacted a representative from a company in Sherburne. He indicated that they can build almost anything that is designed. They would deliver it in sections and Dreyer is envisioning a drag-across method. He also mentioned that abutments would have to be constructed. Dreyer is thinking that the City's commitment would probably be approximately \$13,000. Dreyer is estimating the materials cost will probably be \$50,000. So you have the \$37,000 from State and \$13,000 from us and perhaps use the in-kind service to make up the match in order to offset it.

At this point and time, he doesn't need any direction from this board except to order me to continue to do research on that. Ald. Abraham said that Dreyer should keep up the good work.

Kurt Beyer Pool Project

Dreyer asked Youth Bureau Director Bob Mason about it today and Bob said he thought they were getting started next week.

Committee Concerns (none)

Adjournment

Ald. Williams **moved** to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Seconded by Ald. Bresina, and duly adopted, ayes all.

Next Meeting – June 22, 2006