

Town Manager's Weekly Report: (# 154)

For the Week-Ended: Friday, February 12, 2016

- As has been reported previously, the Robinson Street Storm-water project, Which entails the emergency reconstruction of a badly-deteriorated major underground storm line, has grown significantly in scope and expense as it became apparent just how extensive the damage was, and how much area the repairs would encompass. Specifically, we now know that the project will likely exceed \$82,000 – the equivalent of an entire Budget Year's revenues for the Storm-water fund. This points out just how important it is to both maintain and re-invest in infrastructure systems so that we don't find ourselves responding to otherwise-catastrophic failures to those systems. It also points out that, at the current fee structure, one such project is all that could be completed in any given year. Because of the extensive nature of the repairs and the weather, this project has caused a continuing closure on Robinson street for a longer period than had been hoped, but crews will continue to do everything in their power (allowed by weather conditions) to get this road re-opened.
- We are now nearing the time when we will have answers on the renewal (and associated costs) for the provision of comprehensive health care coverage for Town employees, and the preliminary indications are that significant cost increases could be in store. We had some indications this could be the case and that is why we have solicited a series of bids to try and make the ultimate decision on provider only as the result of a highly-competitive process. Final bids are due by Friday, February 26th, and an Action Item for award will be part of the upcoming March 8th Board Meeting Agenda.
- The Town has just received the invoice for our yearly \$10,000 installment payment on the \$100,000 Civil Penalty from the 2008 Wastewater treatment plant consent judgement. We budget this within the Water/Sewer Fund and once paid, will represent the seventh (7th) installment – leaving three (3) payments (\$30,000) remaining (2017, 2018, 2019).
- The crew from Tarpon Construction are on-site effective today (Friday) beginning work on the Trade St. intersection project. They will be joined any day now by the BERCO crews who will begin the underground directional bore work for the conduits carrying the electric for the new mast-arm traffic and pedestrian signalization systems.
- Also begun today is the work on erection of the new gazebo/band-shell in Town Square Plaza.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Palenick, Town Manager