



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2014-2018 CAPITAL PLAN

Monday, September 16, 2013 5:30 p.m.

City Hall

Chairman Mallory called the meeting to order at 5: 30 p.m.

Constantine Kazolias – 47 Noxon Street – Good evening. This is somewhat unusual. You go to a public hearing and there are more of the elected officials, than the people participating. Also inquired about maintenance of the parking decks and how they're going to be financially sustained during the 5 year plan. How much revenue will be generated to maintain the parking decks? Is the Water Plant part of the 5 year plan?

Councilmember Solomon stated that it was not.

Chairman Mallory: You can ask these questions at the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Constantine Kazolias: I have other things for the 6:00 p.m. hearing. What about Main Street? It needs maintenance...is that in the 5 year plan? If it is, it should be addressed. I have questions to ask the Department Heads when they get here. I know you're not going to do anything on Noxon Street...because it's a sanitary sewer problem there. Wanted to know what's being done in the 8th Ward, where his daughter lives. Mildred Avenue has a sanitary and waste sewer problem and needs to be addressed. It's a health hazard. You might want to get a pump out there...we got 8 inches of rain there a couple of weeks to a month ago. Thank you for your time. I appreciate your time and bearing with me.

Chairman Mallory: That's no problem at all.

Sean Harden – 36 Glenwood Avenue – I looked at the Capital Plan. In past years, I don't know if it was in this one, but there was something in there about fixing the Clover Leaf on "9." I think that's an urgent issue. There are calls every day for car accidents in that area. That's so poorly designed. I don't know if it needs more patrolling, but you have the "On Ramp" from Main Street going to "9." You've got people that shoot up trying to go across two lanes of traffic to the bridge. I know it's D.O.T. – it's true, but I

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saw it in the Capital Plan in the past, and they basically have to consult with the state on that because it's a state road. It was just poorly designed. Some other things there were just paving projects that are desperately needed, like South Grand Avenue – it's just "shot." Putting in the medians was a stupid idea. It helped deteriorate the roadway. It's a traffic calming device but traffic from Raymond came to Grand, causing more traffic on Grand. Another thing I noticed was pushing back the Tower Ladder on Main Street; thankfully, it's well-maintained and still in working condition. However, it was made by a company that is no longer in existence and the ladder is currently 13 years old. I don't see holding off another 4 years...why do we keep paying thousands of dollars to service and maintain it instead of making a long term investment? Basically, we'd need a grant to be able to make this possible. Nothing else piqued my interest. These paving jobs keep getting pushed back further and further. Is it the CDBG funds that keep it getting pushed back?

City Administrator Bunyi nodded his head, "Yes," in agreement.

Dated: November 13, 2013

I hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain