

**Ansonia Board of Public Works  
Special Meeting  
January 28, 2014**

**Members Present**

John Finnucan  
Robert Kolakowski  
Kenneth Plavnicky  
Andrew Geruntho

**Others Present**

Mayor David Cassetti  
Charles Stowe  
Sean Rowley

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Finnucan called the meeting to order, all rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. The recording clerk took a roll call attendance, and a quorum was declared present. (4) P (0) A.

**Public Session:**

Chairman Finnucan called the Public Session to order. At this time Mayor Cassetti speaks about the hire of Douglas Novak as Superintendent of Public Works. Mayor Cassetti says current Superintendent Michael Schryver is retiring from his position. Mayor Cassetti would like to see Mr. Schryver move to the Parks Department. Mayor Cassetti asks the board to support his decision in hiring Mr. Novak as Superintendent of Public Works.

At 5:10 p.m., Chairman Finnucan declared the Public Session closed.

**Communications:**

Mr. Kolakowski brought before the board a letter from current Ansonia Public Works Union President. Chairman Finnucan read the letter aloud to the board. Mr. Kolakowski made a motion to put the letter on file. Mr. Plavnicky seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Douglas Novak comes before the board and states his many years of experience with the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Stowe says he would like to make the board aware that after calling Mr. Novaks references he had nothing but great responses. Mr. Stowe tells the board he believes the job should be posted and if the board decides to hire Mr. Novak that Mr. Novak have a 90 day probationary period where the job should be posted and the board shall take a look at any prospective qualified candidates.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Kolakowski made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Plavnicky seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried. The Board of Public Works went into Executive Session at 5:14 p.m.

Mr. kolakowski made a motion to return to the meeting at 5:27 p.m., Mr. Plavnicky seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Chairman Finnucan says the board has made a decision to post the position for Superintendent of Public Works and hire Mr. Doug Novak as temporary Superintendent with a 90 day probationary period beginning on February 3, 2014. This will give other candidates the opportunity to apply for said position.

Mr. Plavnicky makes a motion to hire Mr. Doug Novak. Mr. Geruntho seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Kolakowski asks if Mr. Novaks 90 days will be retroactive back the January 14, 2014 which is the date Mr. Novak began shadowing current Superintendent Michael Schryver. Mayor Cassetti says the 90 day period will begin on February 3, 2014.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Kolakowski makes a motion to adjourn at 5:38 p.m., Mr. Plavnicky seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk  
Ansonia Board of Public Works

Enclosures: Letter from Ansonia Public Works Union President